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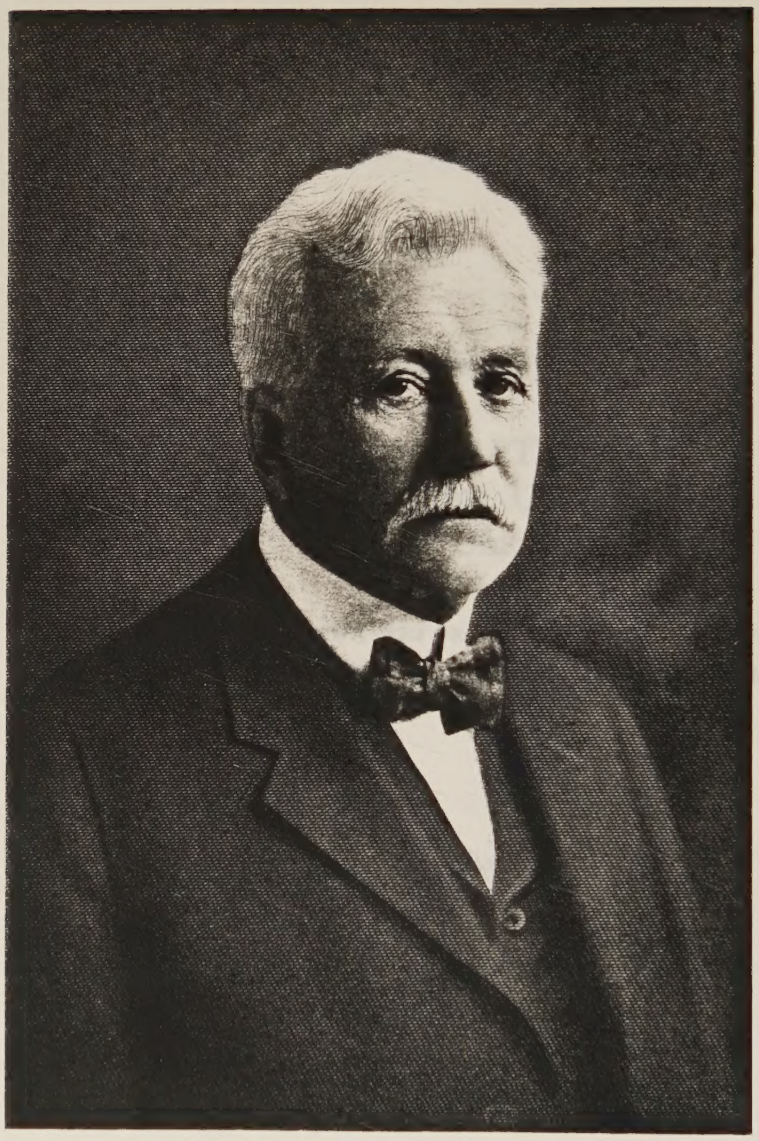


E. H. Porick

History of Fulton County

Dr. Estell H. Rorick. It was September 1, 1842, that Dr. Estell H. Rorick of Fayette began his earthly career in Seneca, Michigan. He is a son of William and Phoebe (Bress) Rorick, the father from New Jersey and the mother from York state. The young man was reared on a farm in Lenawee county, and in 1867 he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor as a student in the medical department there.

The Rorick family history began in Michigan with the coming of William Rorick in 1836, and he owned a great deal of land in Lenawee county. He was in position to give superior educational advantages to his children, and when the Doctor was sixteen years old he attended the Medina, Michigan, academy. He later attended college at Kalamazoo, but lacking funds to continue at the time he engaged in teaching for two years. At Medina young Rorick formed the acquaintance of Doctor Weed, and it was through his influence that the young man decided to study medicine and surgery.

In 1864 the young man joined the staff of Doctor Weed, who was then an army surgeon, and he assisted the surgeon until the end of the Civil war. It was after the close of the war that he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, and in 1869 he graduated with honor from that institution. Doctor Rorick began the practice of medicine at Spring Hill (Tedrow), but three years later he sold the practice and located at Fayette. He made a financial success of the practice of medicine, and he contributed much to the success of the Fayette College. A student of the college afterward wrote: "Those school days in the Fayette Normal back in the '80s are never to be forgotten," and Doctor Rorick is mentioned with others who helped to establish a school that would be worth while to those who attended it.

Doctor Rorick is identified with many of the business interests of Fayette. Since 1896 he has discontinued the practice of medicine, giving his entire time to business enterprises. He is a stockholder and director in the Farmers State Bank, and he owns considerable real estate in the community.

On August 20, 1868, Doctor Rorick married Mary P. Acker. She was a daughter of George and Minerva (Cottrell) Acker. Like her mother, she is a native of Gorham, while her father came from Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. The Ackers and Cottrells were among the pioneers of Fulton county. The grandparents were George and Lydia (Holbern) Acker, and Rea and Harriet (Stevens) Cottrell.

The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Rorick are: Clark Chappell, who died at the age of eight years; Georgia Agnes, who died at the age of twenty; and Mabel Acker, who is the wife of F. T. Sullivan, of Fayette. While Doctor Rorick has not been an active politician, when Governor Willis was elected in Ohio he named him as a member of the state board of administration with authority to manage

the state institutions. For nine years he had been superintendent of the Athens State Hospital, and it was here that he displayed executive ability. It was at Athens that the Doctor had his first personal knowledge of the institutional life of Ohio.

While serving as a member of the state board of administration Doctor Rorick had opportunity of observation, and at his behest wards of the state were sometimes changed from one institution to another. Sometimes a prisoner was transferred to a hospital, and a hospital patient placed in prison—the confinement best adapted to the needs in the case. A newspaper clipping says: "Dr. E. H Rorick has been a friend to the young man, and many a boy owes his success in life to some word of encouragement or a start given him by Doctor Rorick."

While in his young manhood Doctor Rorick stood ready to do anything necessary to help himself along, and when he needed money he worked in a brick yard for it. There were frequent jumping contests and his strong physique enabled him to win, having one time covered forty-one feet and eight inches at two hops and a jump and he won thirty dollars in cash in that way. Many honors have been accorded Doctor Rorick in connection with the institutional life of Ohio, but a friend sums it all up by saying: "The Doctor Rorick that will longest be remembered is that smiling, cheerful, kind physician who gave lectures on physiology and anatomy to the classes of the old Normal School, who cured the boys and girls of their aches and pains, and broke up some of the worst cases of homesickness. Who inspired them to be something and do something in the world. Who with friendly help and kind words piloted the boys and girls who came under his influence, through the dark clouds of discouragement."

Doctor Rorick and his wife came much into contact with the students of Fayette College, and since the "thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts," they will be remembered for many years to come by some of those in whom they manifested a friendly interest. In contrasting present day conditions with the time when he began the practice of medicine, Doctor Rorick says: "You have only to remember that within this time the fever thermometer came into use. The temperature used to be estimated by the rapidity of the pulse and the touch of the skin. The appearance of the tongue in those days was a great indicator of what was going on internally. A hypodermic syringe was not in use for many years, and the antitoxin and serum treatments had not been thought of in those days.

"Bleeding for penumonia and typhoid fever was still in vogue, but this method of treatment was becoming obsolete, and the fever patient was allowed water and milk to drink. Pneumonia was supposed to originate always from taking cold. Malaria was a poison floating about causing fever and ague. The mosquito had not yet been discovered as an agency for the distribution of malaria and fever." The review of such a life covering a long period of years is indeed a revelation.

Some one writing of the man says: "The great secret of Doctor Rorick's success lies in the fact that he makes no distinction between individuals. He has the same hearty hand-shake, the same warm smile, the same cheerful word for all alike," and when one has spent more than half a century in one community the people know all about him. Quoting again: "There are none who know Doctor Rorick as well as Fayette people. He has never sought other residence and has not often left the town since he first came among us."

Mary P. Rorick

JOSIAH COLLINS PAXSON. In looking back to the time when choice was made of a career in which they have become eminently successful, there are many men who are led to marvel at the youthful courage that then inspired them. In every line of useful effort there has always been so much to learn, and so often opportunity has been obscure and finances insufficient, and without this vitalizing youthful courage ready to meet and overcome difficulties, the result might often been far different. Among the representative professional men of Wauseon are those who have earned their own way to success and foremost among these is Josiah Collins Paxson, who is senior member of the prominent law firm of Paxson & Canfield.

Mr. Paxson was born in Chesterfield township, Fulton county, Ohio, May 27, 1866. His parents were John and Rebecca (Mason) Paxson. The English ancestors located in the northern part of Delaware. From there in 1845 the father came to Fulton county, going to Buffalo, New York, and whence by boat to Toledo, Ohio. He set up a woodworking shop near West Unity, and is said to have made the first coffin and the first wagon ever built west of Maumee. Later he settled on a farm in Chesterfield township, Fulton county, and there his life closed in December, 1894, a man respected by all who knew him. The mother of Mr. Paxson passed away in 1888. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters.

Josiah Collins Paxson was reared on his father's farm and assisted in its work during the summers and attended the country schools during the winter seasons. With a definite end in view Mr. Paxson so managed his affairs that he was able to enter the Fayette Normal College, from which he was graduated with credit in 1892, when he entered upon the study of law in the office of M. B. Cottrell at Delta, Ohio, completing his law course in the Ohio Northern University, from which he was graduated in 1897. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Delta, where he continued until 1902, when he came to Wauseon, where he has been engaged in the general practice of law ever since.

In 1890 Mr. Paxson was married to Miss Mary Hallett, who died in November, 1907. She was a daughter of Ephraim and Lydia (Hall) Hallett, of Wauseon. Two children were born to that marriage, Florence and Edwin Lewis. The daughter is the wife of F. H. Allen, of Toledo, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen have a daughter, Mary. Edwin Lewis Paxson is a yeoman on the United States Steamer Hannibal. He entered the navy in June, 1917, at Cincinnati, after being graduated from the Wauseon High School. From there he was sent to the training station at Newport, Rhode Island, detailed to the Louisiana for further training, sent with the armed guards to Newport News, Virginia, and then went to France on the transport Kentuckian that carried supplies. After the signing of the armistice he was made a yeoman on the battleship Indiana, later being transferred to the Hannibal. His entire record is one of duty well and bravely performed, and it reflects credit upon himself, his family and his country.

In 1908 Mr. Paxson was married to Mrs. Martha J. Brewer, widow, and daughter of Peter Van Rennsalaer, of Ottawa county, Ohio. Mrs. Paxson died in 1913. In 1915 Mr. Paxson was united in marriage to Mrs. Nellie Bell, a daughter of Ira and Betsey (Duncan) Welsh, of Metamora, Ohio.

In additoin to attending to an extensive practice, Mr. Paxson is interested to some extent in the cultivation of his farm of seventy-three acres. He has long been quite prominent in the political field,

and in 1901 was the republican candidate for the office of mayor of Delta. During the progress of the great war he displayed unselfish concern in all movements of a patriotic character, giving his services as a member of the Legal Advisory Board in the selective draft, and working and contributing in all Red Cross and government bond drives. In all that affects the welfare of Wauseon he is sure to take part, and the city has many times profited through his deep interest and sound advice. For eight years he has been a member of the school board at Wauseon.

ALLEN M. BARBER. There are few names that are held in higher esteem in Fulton county than that of Barber, one that for years has been prominent in educational and professional activities, not alone in this but in other sections. Originally of Scotch-Irish stock, its sturdy qualities and intellectual strength developed together on American soil. In New England, in New York, in Michigan and in Ohio descendants of this family have become distinguished. From this strong intellectual family, through marriage, came Louisa Yale, the grandmother of Judge Allen M. Barber, who fills the Probate Bench in Fulton county. She was a granddaughter of Elihu Yale, the founder of Yale College.

Allen M. Barber was born in Gorham township, Fulton county, Ohio, February 9, 1885. His parents were Miles Allen and Bertha (Baker) Barber, the former of whom was born near Syracuse, Onondago county, New York, a son of Cordon T. and Louisa Barber. They moved as pioneers to Morenci, Michigan, later coming to Gorham township, Fulton county. The grandfather was educated in the law and for many years he, his son, and Judge Barber's four uncles were educators of note. Allen M. Barber attended the public schools under very favorable circumstances, later completed the teachers' course in Fayette Normal University, and still later a business course in a commercial college at Fort Wayne, Indiana, following which he became deputy under his uncle, Probate Judge Fred A. Barber, until 1916, at Wauseon, when he succeeded his uncle on the bench and on the republican ticket was elected probate judge for a term of four years. His long association with the business of the office was an excellent preparation, and his performance of his duties has been careful, able and satisfactory. An unusual amount of business, occasioned in part by the general disturbance caused by the great war, has come before Judge Barber and has been dispatched with the greatest efficiency. While he devotes the greater part of his time to his work on the bench, he is interested also in the proper cultivation of his model farm of eighty acres.

In 1909 Judge Barber was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Imes, who belongs to an old pioneer family of Fayette that has been of great importance in Fulton county. Her parents were John Q. and Lucretia (Ely) Imes of Fayette. Judge and Mrs. Barber have had four children, namely: William Allen, who was born in 1911; Jeannette Grace, born 1912; Harry Eugene, who died in 1918; and Eugenia Lucille, who was born May 21, 1919. Judge Barber and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he has always been an uncompromising republican and is an influential factor in party councils in Fulton county. During the great war he cheerfully shouldered many responsibilities and found hours from a busy life to work for patriotic measures as he felt to be his duty. He belongs to Wauseon Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Knights of Pythias and to various social bodies and benevolent organizations.

T. Ralph Robinson. Fulton county has some very energetic young men in its public offices, who have brought to the conduct of affairs an enthusiasm which is infectious, and in consequence the records and conduct of these matters are beyond any criticism. One of these alert public officials worthy of special mention is T. Ralph Robinson, county recorder, and one of the representative men of Wauseon. He is a son of Thomas R. and Sarah G. (Worley) Robinson, and was born on a farm near Pettisville, Fulton county, Ohio, on November 7, 1882, coming of Irish and Welsh stock. His ancestors having been generally people of culture and education. On his mother's side were the Van Dykes, too well known to mention further. On his father's side were some of the prominent doctors of Dublin.

After attending the public schools of Pettisville, including the high school course, Mr. Robinson learned the fundamentals of business in the college conducted by Vories Brothers, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Subsequently he attended the Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, during 1907 and 1908, taking the literary course. In the interval he was engaged in farming, and then in 1910 he took a business and literary course at the university at Valparaiso, Indiana.

Returning to his home district, Mr. Robinson was elected township assesor and held that office for four years, and his record in that office was such as to bring him before the public as candidate for that of county recorder in 1916 on the republican ticket. His election following, he located at Wauseon, although he still lives on and manages the home farm at Peterville. In 1911 Mr. Robinson took the civil service examination and received an opportunity as collector of internal revenue at Trenton, Michigan, but declined the appointment. He has always been very active in politics, and is recognized as one of the leading republicans of the county. Mr. Robinson is unmarried.

In his fraternal relations he maintains membership with Fulton Lodge, F. & A. M., and with Wauseon Chapter and Council of the Masonic order, and also with the Wauseon Lodge, K. of P. The First Methodist Church of Wauseon is his religious home. All that Mr. Robinson has he has made through his own efforts. He has always been very ambitious, and although he has reached heights others aspire to in vain, he is not satisfied, but is making plans for advancement in the future, for he knows his own abilities and what he can accomplish if he puts his mind to it. Those who have followed his progress feel proud of their talented young fellow citizen, and judging the future by the light cast by events in the past, there is no doubt but that he will receive a strong support from his constituents if he desires to remain in public life. The country needs just such men as Mr. Robinson, dependable, capable, patriotic, real Americans, whose pride in their country inspires them in making a strong effort to preserve its liberties and put down the foreign radical element which is so undesirable a factor in the United States today.

Clarence George Weber. It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as the result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action when once decided upon. She is never known to bestow her largess upon the indolent and ambitionless, and only those who seek her untiringly are recipients of her blessings. In tracing the history of the influential business man and representative citizen whose name introduces this sketch it is plainly seen that the prosperity which

he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities, and it is also his personal worth that has gained for him the high esteem of those who know him.

Clarence George Weber is a native son of Fulton county, Ohio, having been born in German township, on September 28, 1887, and he is the sixth in order of birth of the seven children born to the union of Daniel and Catherine (Fetzer) Weber. The subject's paternal grandfather, Peter Weber, was a native of Germany, where he was reared to manhood, when he came to the United States and settled on a tract of government land in Fulton county, Ohio, and here he devoted himself to the establishment of a home and the rearing of a family. He spent the remainder of his life here engaged in farming and stock raising. His son Daniel, the subject's father, followed in his footsteps and also devoted his life to agricultural pursuits.

Clarence G. Weber attended the common schools and was reared to the life of a farmer, to which he devoted his labors until the completion of his common school education. He then went to Toledo, Ohio, and took a commercial course in the Metropolitan Business College. Returning then to Archbold, Fulton county, he bought a half interest in the Schnetzler Drug Store, the business being run under the firm name of Shibler & Weber for two years. Then, Mr. Shibler's health failing, his interest in the business was purchased by Bert R. Moll, the firm title becoming Weber & Moll. Four years later, in 1918, Mr. Weber bought his partner's interest and has since operated the store alone. He carries a large and well selected stock of drugs, and also accessory lines, such as jewelry, wall paper and paints, as well as conducts a soda fountain. By his courteous treatment, prompt service and the high quality of his goods, he has gained a fine trade throughout this section of the county and is numbered among the leading merchants of Archbold.

In 1915 Mr. Weber was married to Ida Moll, the daughter of Adam and Fanny (Baumgardner) Moll, of near Archbold. Mr. Weber in 1920 was nominated for the office of township treasurer on independent ticket. Fraternally he is a member of West Unity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Archbold Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a splendid example of the virile, progressive man who believes in doing well whatever is worth doing at all, observes sound business ethics in his dealings with others and enjoys the esteem of the entire community.

Charles F. Hoffman. The life of Charles F. Hoffman, well known merchant of the town of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, has been characterized by industry, honesty and steadfastness of purpose, seldom if ever mistaken in matters of business. He is essentially a man of affairs, careful of his plans and exercising a judicious foresight, for he possesses energy, concentration of purpose and a discernment that causes a large degree of success to result from his outlay of labor. He is public spirited and lends his aid in the furtherance of all movements having for their object the general upbuilding of the community whose interests he has ever had at heart.

Charles F. Hoffman, who conducts a prosperous dry goods business at Archbold, is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born at Napoleon, Henry county, and is the son of William and Katherine (Wall) Hoffman. He received his educational training in the public schools of Napoleon, graduating from the high

school. Then for eight years he engaged in the dry goods business in his native town, after which he became connected with the dry goods store of Brown & Meyerholtz of that city as a salesman, remaining with them for six years. He then went to Bryan, Ohio, and for a year was in charge of the dry goods store of Cronin & Boothman Company. On March 26, 1918, Mr. Hoffman enlisted in the United States Army at Camp Sherman, where he remained for three weeks. He was then sent to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, and a week later he embarked for France. He landed at Brest on June 5, 1918, and was assigned to the Twenty-sixth Division, one of the famous fighting divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces. With this division he took part in the historic battles at Chateau Thierry and the other engagements incident to that drive, and later was at the Argonne Forest. During this period he was a member of Company K of the One Hundred and First Regiment. He took part in the famous St. Mehiel drive, followed by the engagements at Troyon, Verdun and Argonne Forest. He then remained inactive after the Armistice until April 19, 1919, when he went to Brest and embarked for home. Upon reaching the United States he went to Camp Sherman at Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was mustered out on April 28, 1919. He has an honorable war record and received a citation for valor on the field of battle.

On July 19, 1919, Mr. Hoffman came to Archbold and bought the dry goods business of Rupp Brothers, which he has continued to operate to the present time. He carries a large and well selected stock, thoroughly up-to-date, and his dealings with the public have been such as have gained for him the confidence and good will of all who have patronized him. His trade covers a wide range of surrounding country and he is recognized as one of the leading business men of Archbold.

Politically Mr. Hoffman is independent, reserving the right to cast his vote as his conscience dictates, regardless of party lines. While advancing his individual interests he is not unmindful of his obligations to the community and earnestly supports all measures for the general welfare. Because of his success and his genuine personal qualities he is deservedly popular throughout the locality in which he lives.

Edward and Peter Rupp. Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort will inevitably result in the attaining of a due measure of success, but in following out the careers of those who have attained success by their own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality by which such accomplishment is possible. The qualities which have made Edward and Peter Rupp, of Archbold, successful have also brought them the esteem of their fellow men, for their careers have been characterized by well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods.

Edward and Peter Rupp, who comprise the well known firm of Rupp Brothers Furniture and Undertaking Company at Archbold, were born on their father's farm near Archbold, and are the sons of Rev. Daniel and Magdalena (Gerber) Rupp, the former of whom was a minister of the Defenseless Mennonite Church in his locality and most highly respected throughout the community. Edward Rupp was born on September 27, 1879, and secured his early education in the common schools of German township, which he attended until eighteen years of age. The remainder of his time was given to the work of the home farm, where he remained until he had attained

his majority. He then bought a half interest in some land near Archbold, and was engaged in farming on his own account for eight years. In 1908 he went to Archbold and bought a third interest in the business which was being conducted under the firm name of Rowe & Rupp. Four years later the Rupp brothers purchased Mr. Rowe's interest in the busines, which since that time has been conducted under the style of Rupp Brothers Furniture and Undertaking Company. In 1909 Edward Rupp entered the Cincinnati College of Embalming, where he took a complete course in that art and was graduated in due time with honors. He has given his special attention to the undertaking phase of their business and has been very successful in everything to which he has applied himself.

In 1909 Edward Rupp was married to Ida Miller, the daughter of Christian P. and Catherine Miller, of near Archbold. To them have been born two children, Catherine Magdeline, aged seven years, and Kenneth Edward, who died in June, 1915, at the age of two months. Politically Mr. Rupp is independent of party ties, but always supports every movement for the advancement of the community's best interests. He is a member of the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

Peter Rupp was born on December 17, 1888, and attended the country schools of his home neighborhood until sixteen years of age, when he entered Goshen College and, later, the Mennonite College, where he prepared himself for the teaching profession. After attending three terms he began teaching in the public schools of Fulton county, being employed for four consecutive terms in the schools of German township and gaining a high standing as a successful pedagogue. He then entered the Fort Wayne Business College, where he took a complete commercial course, and also took a course and graduated in the Cincinnati College of Embalming in view of the fact that he had previously bought an interest in the firm of Rowe & Rupp, which later became, and is still known as, the Rupp Brothers Furniture and Undertaking Company, the reorganization taking place in 1912. They carry a large and well selected stock of high-grade furniture and command a large trade over a wide radius of surrounding territory, and because of their fair dealings, courteous treatment and prompt service they are deservedly popular.

In 1914 Peter Rupp was married to Clara Vonier, the daughter of Christian and Mary (King) Vonier, of near Pettisville, this county. To their union have been born three children, Marguerite May, Evelyn June and Robert Lowell. Politically Mr. Rupp is independent, voting for the men whom he considers best qualified for public office regardless of their political alignments. He is a member of the Defenseless Mennonite Church and stands consistently for all that is best in the community life.

The Rupp brothers are well known throughout Fulton county, where their entire lives have been spent and because of their high personal qualities and their business success they have won the confidence and respect of all who know them. In addition to their business at Archbold they also conduct a branch store at Stryker, Williams county, Ohio, where they command a large trade. Edward also owns a half interest in the Stryker Dry Goods Company, at Stryker, and a quarter interest in the Neuhaser Dry Goods Company at Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, while Peter Rupp is a stockholder in the Hoosier Condensed Milk Company at Bluffton, Indiana.

JOHN R. HOFFMIRE. It requires about as much painstaking effort to become a thorough veterinary surgeon as it does a general practitioner of medicine, and a proficient knowledge of the anatomy of the horse is by no means acquired by indolent methods; on the contrary, the man who becomes an expert in this line must spend much painstaking effort in study and research, and be naturally endowed with the necessary qualifications of the successful veterinarian, such as patience, sound judgment, steady nerve, keen observation and honesty of purpose. Dr. John R. Hoffmire, of Archbold, Fulton county, seems to be endowed with such attributes, for, though he is now retired from the active practice of his profession, he enjoys a wide reputation in this particular field of endeavor. This same personal description may also be applied to his son, Dr. Colenzo H. Hoffmire, who is in the active practice and who has exhibited not only professional ability of a high order but has also demonstrated his courage, loyalty and patriotism by a splendid record of efficient service during the recent World war.

John R. Hoffmire, who is descended from sterling old Holland Dutch stock and who is the scion of a family which has long been established in America, was born in Lucas county, Ohio, in 1845. He was born on a farm near Tedrow, which, though now in Fulton county, was then a part of Lucas county. His parents were Marshall P. and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Hoffmire, whose American progenitors had lived in New York State for a number of generations following their arrival in this country in the seventeenth century. They had as a family been connected with the banking business through several generations and attained to considerable importance in their community. Marshall P. Hoffmire came to Ohio and secured a tract of government land, which he cleared and put into cultivation, and there he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. John R. Hoffmire attended the common schools of his home neighborhood until eleven years of age, when, his father having died at the age of twenty-six years, the son was compelled to devote the greater part of his time thereafter to the operation of the homestead. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, and when only sixteen years of age, Mr. Hoffmire enlisted as a private in Company E, Sixty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Wauseon. He was sent to Camp Latta, near Napoleon, Ohio, where he remained until January, 1862, when he was sent to Camp Chase, at Columbus, Ohio. Shortly afterward he was sent to the front, his regiment being assigned to General Grant's army, and he took an active part in the historic campaign which included the terrific battles at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing and Shiloh. He was then taken ill and in July, 1862, was sent to Camp Denison Hospital. Later he returned home on a discharge furlough and as soon as he had recovered his health sufficiently he re-enlisted on August 15, 1862, at Wauseon, in Company I of the Sixty-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. They were sent to Suffolk, Virginia, where they became a part of the great Army of the Potomac, with which he served until May 10, 1864, when he was seriously injured in the action at Chester Station, which was a part of the great battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse, being shot through both hips. He was sent to David Island Hospital in New York harbor, in June, 1864, remaining there until receiving an honorable discharge on account of disability on March 20, 1865, when he returned home.

After his return home Mr. Hoffmire engaged in the jewelry business at Archbold, in which he was successful and with which he was

identified until 1886, a period of twenty years, when he sold out, and thereafter for a time was engaged in general business matters. He then took up the study of veterinary medicine and engaged in the practice as a veterinarian, in which he demonstrated unusual ability, enjoying a large and profitable practice over a wide range of country until his retirement from the active practice a short time ago.

Politically Doctor Hoffmire gives his earnest support to the Democratic party, and during his younger years he took an active part in local public affairs, having served as mayor of Archbold for three terms, 1882-88. He served for many years as marshal of Archbold, and as a member of the board of cemetery trustees. He is a member of Lozier Post No. 135, Grand Army of the Republic. He has been universally recognized as a splendid citizen, of lofty character and sturdy integrity, a man who has consistently given his support to every movement which had for its object the betterment of the community along any lines.

In 1869 John R. Hoffmire was married to Nancy Jane Scott, the daughter of John Scott, of Wauseon, and to this union were born three children, namely: Ella Maud, who is the widow of John M. Thrash and is living in Dallas, Texas. She became the mother of two children, Lawrence E., who died at the age of twenty-nine years, at Dallas Texas, leaving two children, and Claude O., who is married. Mr. Hoffmire's second child, Gertrude, is the widow of George O. Dix, of Archbold.

Colenzo Hegel Hoffmire, third child of John R. Hoffmire, was born at Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, on February 8, 1889. He attended the public schools, graduating from the high school with the class of 1905. In that year he entered the Veterinary College of the Ohio State University, and was there graduated on June 24, 1908, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He then returned home and was actively engaged in the practice in association with his father until May 12, 1917, when he entered the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana. On August 15th he received a commission as second lieutenant of cavalry, and on August 29th he reported at Camp Sherman, Ohio, where he was assigned to the Fourth Company of the First Training Battalion, Eighty-third Division. On September 25, 1917, he was transferred to Company C, Three Hundred and Twenty-second Machine Gun Battalion. On December 13th he was commissioned second lieutenant of the Veterinary Officers' Reserve Corps, and on January 1st, 1918, he was assigned to the Eighty-third Division at Camp Sherman, being there made brigade veterinarian of the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Infantry Brigade. On January 7, 1918, he was transferred to Camp Upton, Long Island, where he was assigned to Veterinary Hospital No. 6, which was being made ready for overseas service, and on February 15th he was commissioned a captain in the Veterinary Corps. On March 22d, he was ordered overseas with Hospital No. 6, and on March 27th sailed on the steamship "Olympic," then known as Transport No. 527, which landed them at Brest, France, on April 4th. They proceeded to Camp Pomptamazon, near Brest, where they remained four days. On April 8th he was ordered to proceed to Neuf Chateau, Vosges, where he remained with Veterinary Hospital No. 6 until September 15th, when he was ordered to the A. P. O. 717, at Tours, where he was detailed as assistant to the chief surgeon.

Subsequently he was ordered to St. Nazarre, as base veterinarian on inspection service of veterinary hospitals, artillery training camps

and remount stations. On February 26, 1919, Captain Hoffmire was ordered to embark for the United States, sailing on March 8, 1919, on the Princess Matoika, and landing in the United States on March 20th. He proceeded to Camp Hill, at Newport News, Virginia, thence to Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he was finally discharged from the service on March 22, 1919, after a record of duty faithfully performed and with credit to his ability as a veterinarian.

On December 7, 1914, Doctor Hoffmire was married to Lulu May Grime, the daughter of Alexander and Rose (Miller) Grime, of Archbold. They have two children, Gertrudella and Mary Jane. Personally, Doctor Hoffmire is a man of generous impulses and genial disposition and enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and good will of all who know him.

George J. Collins has had a notable record as a merchant at Wauseon, where he has been located in one establishment for over a quarter of a century and having during that time provided the city and a large part of the surrounding country with staple and high class groceries.

Mr. Collins, who is thoroughly to be congratulated for the services of his sons in the World war, was born at Bellevue, in Huron county, Ohio, September 9, 1859, a son of James H. and Sophia (Slade) Collins. He is of English ancestry. His parents came to Wauseon when he was a child, and he grew up there and attended public schools to the age of seventeen. For a time he worked with his father as a painting contractor, and spent four years in the carpenter's trade at Wauseon. He was then employed for two years by the Toledo Pin Company, at Toledo. On returning to Wauseon he embarked his modest capital in the grocery business in 1892, and has never changed his original location in the past twenty-eight years.

Mr. Collins is a republican, attends the Congregational Church and is a man whose public spirit can be depended upon always. In 1886 he married Mary L. Lord, daughter of George and Minerva (Pritchard) Lord, of Wauseon. They have three children: Jay Lord, born in 1888, now an Akron lawyer; Frank H., born in 1892, connected with the Duquesne Carnegie Steel Company; and Harold George, born in 1895. The oldest son left his professional business in December, 1917, to enlist in the Three Hundred and Twentieth Aerial Squadron. He was at Kelly Field, at Newport News, thence went overseas to Andover, England, and had intensive training with the British Royal Flying Squadron. He was mustered out with the rank of sergeant December 22, 1918, at Camp Sherman, Ohio. Harold Collins enlisted September 18, 1917, at Camp Sherman, where he spent nine months as corporal and company clerk. He went to France by way of England and was there six months. He had the honor of serving as one of President Wilson's Guard in Paris for seven weeks. He was returned to America and mustered out at Camp Sherman April 14, 1919, after spending eight months overseas.

Charles W. Struble. One of the worthiest ambitions cherished by men is to be connected with a work and an institution that has every quality of performance as well as value of service to the community. That ambition has been admirably realized by Charles W. Struble, who became connected with the People's State Bank early in 1890, a year after it was founded as a banking partnership, and only a few weeks after the bank opened for business. He has been its cashier ever since and the directors of the People's State Bank

paid him a deserved tribute when at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the bank they said: "His careful and efficient attention for nearly a quarter of a century has contributed materially to the continued growth and prosperity of the bank."

Through all these years Mr. Struble has been the man depended upon for the real administrative and technical handling of the bank's affairs. He has seen it grow from a private bank, one of three in Wauseon, until today it is the oldest bank in Fulton county and one of the largest in resources in northwestern Ohio. The People's Bank continued as a private banking firm until December, 1903, when it was incorporated as the People's State Bank. When Mr. Struble entered upon his duties as cashier the total resources were approximately a hundred thirty thousand dollars. These resources had reached the million dollar mark when he completed his twenty-fifth year and the bank has continued to grow ever since.

Mr. Struble was born and reared on a farm in Fulton county, a son of William and Elizabeth (Dickson) Struble. He attended country schools, also the Wauseon High School, to the age of eighteen, and had the experience of teaching one term in his native township. For ten years he was a salesman in a general store at Delta, Ohio, and then spent a period in South Dakota for his health. Returning to Fulton county refreshed, he entered upon his duties as cashier in 1890.

Mr. Struble is a member of the Knights of Pythias, is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a republican in politics.

George J. Oakley. Practically the entire community of Fulton county knows and appreciates the mercantile service and career of George J. Oakley, who, beginning as a clerk, has risen to independence and is head of George J. Oakley & Company, dealers in agricultural implements, one of the largest establishments of its kind in the county.

Mr. Oakley was born in Wauseon, August 20, 1872, a son of Joseph and Sophronia (Kolb) Oakley. He attended public school at Wauseon and at the age of sixteen started work as clerk for the Barnes-Harter grocery house. Two and a half years later he found an opening with Clarence Brigham in his hardware store, and remained there continuously in the business and advancing in experience and personal efficiency for sixteen years. Then for two and a half years he was manager of the hardware department of Charles E. Rossman & Company, following which he engaged in business for himself with Ervin Heist. They bought the agricultural business of H. J. Baughman and continued under the name Oakley & Heist one year, at the end of which time, in 1909, Mr. Oakley bought out his partner and has since been sole owner. He handles many of the best and standard makes of implements, machinery and supplies used in the agricultural industry. His trade covers practically the entire Fulton county.

Mr. Oakley has also taken a commendable interest in local affairs and was elected a city councilman in 1917 on the republican ticket. In 1898 he married Ona Sanford, daughter of Edgar and Carrie (Kendall) Sanford, of Wauseon. They have one daughter, Frances Louise.

Orin Standish, who began his active career as a physician, and practiced medicine with success in Wauseon for six years, then gave up his calling to go into business, and has long been a member

of the firm of Eager, Standish & Hatt, a mercantile firm known throughout Fulton county, dealers in dry goods, carpets, shoes and women's furnishings.

Doctor Standish is a son of R. Clarke and Harriet (Smith) Standish. He is of English Puritan stock, and is directly descended from the famous Capt. Miles Standish. Orin Standish was born in Fulton county, at Lyons, Royalton township, January 15, 1867. He grew up on a farm, acquired a country school education, and in 1887 graduated from the Fayette Normal College at Fayette, Ohio. He used his training to teach in the schools of Royalton township three terms, and largely with his earnings as a teacher paid his way through medical school. He entered the Homeopathic Hospital at Cleveland and later attended the Ohio State Medical College, entering in 1889 and graduating M. D. in 1892. The following six years he was busied with a growing practice at Wauseon.

In 1897 Doctor Standish bought the interests of Mr. Green in the firm of Eager & Green, at which time the title became Eager, Standish & Company. Doctor Standish has other business and local interests in Wauseon.

In 1892 he married Miss Fannie Eager, daughter of W. H. and Mary (Clement) Eager. They have a son, Clement E., born in 1896, who was in the senior class of the University of Chicago when in May, 1917, he volunteered his services to the United States Army, joining the famous Base Hospital Unit No. 13, which recently returned after nearly two years of service in France. The unit went overseas in the spring of 1917, and made a distinguished record. Clement Standish became a sergeant in the organization.

Mr. Standish himself, true to the blood that flows in his veins, is a patriot to the core and made several efforts to get into the zone of fighting activity. He volunteered for the overseas department of the Red Cross, and later was accepted by the Y. M. C. A. for war service, but eventually was declared physically unfit. Mr. Standish is a progressive republican and served two terms in the City Council and for fourteen years was a trustee of the Library Board. He is affiliated with Zenobia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Toledo. Religiously he is a member of the Unitarian Church.

Samuel B. Yoder, D. C., Ph. C., successful chiropractic physician of Wauseon, Ohio, has gone very deeply into the science of magnetic healing. He began with a course at Akron, Ohio; then followed extensive practice; next the course of the College of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1912, with the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic; then further practice; in 1914 a post graduated course in Naturapathy, at Davenport, followed the next year by a course in the same branch at the Cleveland College of Naturapathy, and finally two courses at the National School of Chiropractic, Chicago, Illinois, from which he graduated in 1917, with the degree of Ph. C., Physician of Chiropractic. He thus, in all probability, had little difficulty in creditably passing the state medical examination in 1917, by which he gained permission to practice his profession in Ohio.

He was born on a farm in LaGrange county, Indiana, in 1875, the son of Christian S. and Mary S. (Miller) Yoder. The family is of German origin, but has been long resident in the United States. As a boy Samuel B. attended the county school nearest to the family homestead, and during vacations did much to assist his father in the operations of the home farm. After leaving school he became ap-

prenticed to the trade of carpentry and followed that trade in his native county for eight years, assisting his father in farming operations during the winters. He married in 1899, and for five years thereafter appears to have given his whole time to the management of his father's farm of one hundred twenty acres. In 1904 he moved to Pettisville, Ohio, where for two years he remained on the farm of one hundred seventeen acres belonging to his father-in-law. About that time a personal experience caused him to become interested in the science of magnetic healing, and he gave much time to the study. He received private tuition from an eminent physician of chiropractic in Akron, Ohio, and after a comprehensive course which lasted one year he began to practice the profession in the Pettisville district. For three years he successfully followed such practice in Pettisville, and then was called to Topeka, Indiana, because of the death of his father. After closing the decedent's affairs he took up the practice of his profession in Topeka, and did well in that place for three years, then disposing of his practice and going to Pharr, Texas, where for about one year he gave his time mainly to farming. He was, however, too much interested in his profession to long remain out of practice. He came northward, to Davenport, Iowa, and attended the well-known College of Chiropractic at that place, graduating on June 1, 1912, with the degree of D. C., Doctor of Chiropractic. He came to Wauseon, Ohio, to enter into practice. Since that time Doctor Yoder has taken many specialist or post-graduate courses; in 1914, at Davenport, he graduated in Naturapathy; in 1915 he studied at the Cleveland, Ohio, College of Naturapathy; and in 1917 he graduated from the National School of Chiropractic of Chicago, taking two courses and gaining the degree of Ph. C. in that professional school. He passed the Ohio state medical examination in 1917, and has had notable success in his practice in Wauseon, and is widely known within a radius of twenty-five miles of that city.

He of course gives his time mainly to professional matters. He is a good churchman, and has shown a worthy public spirit since he came to Wauseon, contributing generously to community projects.

In 1899 Doctor Yoder married Kate Nofiger, daughter of Christian R. and Magdalena (Yoder) Nofiger, of Pettisville, Ohio. Two children were born to them: Wilmer and Christian Louis.

Harry H. Hough, a partner in the Fleming & Hough Auto Sales Company of Wauseon, is an energetic young business man who is making rapid progress in Wauseon. The company has the agency for the Buick and Oakland cars, and for the Samson Tractors and Trucks, and their opening season, 1919, gives them promise of substantial success in future years. Mr. Hough has also taken some part in public affairs, and has manifested distinct organization ability. He was supervisor of District No. 1, Fulton county, when only twenty-one years old, and during the last decade has been prominent in the affairs of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, being Supreme Vice Chief Gleaner of that order. For three years he was manager for the Northwestern Ohio district, and for one year was state manager of the order.

He is of English-Irish ancestry, born in Wauseon, Ohio, August 11, 1880, the son of Frank and Hattie (Mitchell) Hough. After the death of his mother, which occurred when he was only seven years old, Harry's home was in that of John Garman, a well-regarded farmer of Fulton county, his farm being situated about three miles

northeast of Wauseon. Harry was educated in the country school, No. 1 district, attending school during the winter months and working on the Garman farm during the summer vacations. After leaving school he continued to work for Mr. Garman until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he took over the whole operation of the 105-acre farm, continuing to work it, on shares, until the death of Mr. Garman seven years later. In fact, he worked the property for two years more, until he was thirty years old. For some time prior to that Mr. Hough had interested himself actively in the affairs of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, a fraternal organization, its members being mainly agriculturalists. When he was thirty years old Mr. Hough gave up the farm management in order to take up the official connection, that of district manager for Northwestern Ohio, with the order. He went into Wauseon to live, and for three years thereafter was district manager, and one year served the order as state manager. He resigned in February, 1919, in order to form a partnership with Fred Fleming of Wauseon, to trade in automobiles and auto supplies in Wauseon and the district. The partners opened a place of business in Wauseon on February 15, 1919, trading as the Fleming & Hough Auto Soles Company, and, having some very good agencies, were soon able to develop a promising business. Two months later the partners, with commendable enterprise, opened a branch establishment at Delta, Ohio, with good results. They have the Fulton county agency for the Oakland cars and good territory for the Buick car, and represent the Samson Tractor Company for the sale of farm tractors throughout Fulton county. And they have good understandings with tire manufacturers. Therefore, there is every probability that their business venture will bring the partners good returns. They are both energetic men of good business ability and wide acquaintance throughout the county, and both have good personal reputations.

Mr. Hough owns a good truck farm of ten acres east of Wauseon, which has added to his resources. Politically he is a republican, and he has to some extent been in public life in his home district. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, in addition to his affiliation with the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

He married, in 1906, Elsie, daughter of Frank and Alice (Taylor) Larned, of Ottokee, Fulton county. They have one child, a son, Rollin Delmar, who was born in 1908.

Fred L. Fleming, partner with Harry H. Hough in the Fleming & Hough Auto Sales Company of Wauseon, Ohio, has since he entered into partnership with Mr. Hough been very successful, the business showing promising development. They have the county agency for the Oakland and Buick cars, and the Samson tractors and trucks, and do a substantial and growing business in auto accessories and tires.

He was born in Pike township, Fulton county, Ohio, on July 18, 1882, the son of Frank L. and Carrie (Mercer) Fleming. The Fleming family is of Puritan ancestry, and Frank L. Fleming, father of Fred L., owned a good farm in Pike township. Fred was reared on that farm, and attended the country schools of the township. He gave his father assistance in the farm work for some years before he left school, and when that time came he gave his father his whole time until he had reached the age of twenty years. He married at that early age, and with a wish to have a home of his own he took a farm of eighty acres situated about two miles north

of Delta, Fulton county. That, the Cowan farm, he worked for three years; then for one season he farmed the Biddle farm of 120 acres, and the following season operated the George Fleming farm. He, however, came to Wauseon to live in 1907, and for eighteen months thereafter worked for W. H. Mercer. Then followed a period of three years during which he operated a farm of sixty acres he had purchased. It was situated six miles to the westward of Wauseon. At the end of the third season, however, he traded the farm for another of thirty acres and a market business in Wauseon. Some time later he took to commercial pursuits, traveling throughout the district, selling farming implements for Heist Hall, of Wauseon. After he had been at such work for two years he became interested in the automobile business, acting as salesman of Ford and Buick cars for David Morningstar, the local agent. After two years with Mr. Morningstar he traveled again for about eighteen months, as the representative of the Moline Plow Company, throughout Northwestern Ohio. He did very well in this connection, and was able then to form business partnership with Mr. Hough for the purpose of acquiring from David Morningstar one of the two businesses that energetic Wauseon man conducted. The partners also brought to the business the optimism and enterprise of two able and experienced young business men, and soon had a splendidly developing business. More regarding the affairs of the company has been written in the biography of Harry H. Hough, for this edition, and it is therefore not necessary to further recount it here, at least not more than to say that the partners have good auguries of substantial success in the results of their first year of trading.

Mr. Fleming has been a republican in politics since he first became entitled to a vote, and when he lived in Dover township was a member of the school board. Fraternally, he is a member of the Wauseon Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the local branch of the Knights of Pythias order, and also of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, of which his partner has held so prominent a connection.

In 1902 Mr. Fleming married Anna B., daughter of John and Annabelle Coe. They have one child, a daughter, Carrie.

Robert Drennan, who owns a successful agricultural implement business in Wauseon, Ohio, and also other property, and has a good reputation for moral and material integrity throughout Fulton county, is a man of much versatility. At the outset of his career it appeared that his life would be given chiefly to educational occupations, for he attended the State Normal School and gained a teacher's certificate; in fact, for some years he followed that profession. Then he took to farming, and later came to Wauseon and conducted a smithy and implement agency, the last-named occupation bringing him good return.

He is a native of Fulton county, born in Clinton township, where his father owned a farm of eighty acres, a little more than three miles to the westward of Wauseon. Robert's parents were William and Margaret (Dowd) Drennan, both of Irish birth, the father coming to America from Londonderry when he was only fifteen years old. He settled in Toledo, where he worked as a railroad grading contractor. He had the distinction of driving the first stake when the Middle Railroad yards at Toledo were surveyed for the Lake Shore freight yards. He did well by his years of railroad contracting. And it was in Toledo that he met and married Mrs. Margaret Cahoe, who came to America when she was only thirteen years old.

With his wife he moved to Clinton township, Fulton county, Ohio, having purchased about eighty acres of land in that locality. This removal took place in 1861, about twelve months after their marriage, and on this farm he lived for the remainder of his life, clearing the land and bringing it into good cultivation. He was a man of untiring energy, and with an ox team seemed to be incessantly working. As a result of good farming, and perhaps more because of his persistent and consistent application to farming, he became possessed ultimately of a very large acreage, owning 429 acres in the last years of his life. He died in 1897, his widow, however, living for a further twenty years, her death not occurring until October, 1917. They were the parents of five children, of whom Robert was the youngest. He was educated in the country school at Clinton, attending school during the winter months, and, as was the custom in farming districts at that time, assisting his father in the farming operations during the growing season. So he passed his years of elementary study. However, he seems to have had the intention of entering the teaching profession, for during 1889 and 1890 he was a student at the State Normal School, and at the termination of the course was awarded a teacher's certificate. For four years thereafter he taught in the Clinton Township School Dictrict No. 6. Then, until 1903, he helped farm the home estate for his mother, coming in that year to Wauseon, where he took charge of the smithy and implement business owned by D. W. Kimerer, his brother-in-law. Mr. Drennan bought the stock, and from that time he conducted the blacksmith's shop and the implement agency with success. His establishment is located on the corner of North Fulton and Oak streets, Wauseon. In 1907 he built a new building on the site of the old, and has since expended his scope of business considerably. He has the agency for all the lines of the Moline Plow Company, for good territory, and is agent for the Moline tractor for four townships, Clinton, German, York and Dover, in Fulton county. Also, he owns a farming property of eighty acres near Wauseon.

Politically, Mr. Drennan is a democrat, that is in national politics; in local affairs he is an independent, although he has not followed public affairs very closely, not so closely as to evince any desire to seek public office. But he is a man of enviable repute locally, and is generally sincerely interested in the progress of the city.

He married, in 1907, Nellie, daughter of W. H. and Minerva (Turney) Gaiman, of Wauseon. Three children were born to them: William, who was born in 1908, and died at the age of five months; Harry George, born February 22, 1910, and Donald Eugene, born August 10, 1917.

Harry Clyde Weber, partner of the firm of Weber & Buttermore, wholesale and retail bakers of Wauseon, Ohio, is a native of the county, and although only eight years have passed since he graduated from the Wauseon High School, his business record shows that he possesses in good measure business acumen, ingenuity, enterprise and determination. There have been more failures than successes in the following of poultry rearing as a vocation, but young Weber, who ventured into that business soon after leaving school, had success from the outset, and continued success through the years to that of the war, when he entered the military forces of the nation. And since his return from military service he has shown

in the other business into which he went with Eugene Buttermore that he is determined to succeed.

He was born in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1894, and in due course attended and passed through the elementary school of that place, afterward taking the high school course at Wauseon, from which school he graduated in the class of 1912. He was of self-reliant, independent mind, and had resolved to make his own way in life, so, having given the business much preliminary study, he ventured into the occupation of poultry farming on the five-acre property he had in Wauseon. He specialized in Rhode Island Reds and Orpington fowls, and raised some prize stock. With his poultry he gained notable success in the shows of that part of Ohio, and was able to demand good prices for his eggs and baby chicks. During the first year he made a profit of $500; the second year yielded him $600 profit, and his profits in succeeding years increased. Altogether it was creditable work for young Weber, for it proved him to be possessed of the grit necessary to come successfully through the arduous and dull routine of the building process. The coming of the World war, with its demands upon the young men of the nation, caused him to temporarily transfer his poultry business. He enlisted in July, 1918, at Wauseon, in the United States Army, and was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where he remained for five months as a member of the Headquarters Company of the Twelfth Regiment of Field Artillery, rising to the grade of corporal. He received honorable discharge on December 22, 1918, and returned soon afterward to Wauseon. He then joined Eugene Buttermore, who also had just been mustered out of the United States naval forces, in purchasing a bakery business in Wauseon, which they have since continued, under the firm name of Weber & Buttermore, doing quite a substantial wholesale and retail city and country trade. Young Weber also still conducts his poultry farm and to some extent has gone into the hog-raising business. It will therefore be recognized that he is a young man of energy and enterprise. Politically he is a republican; he is a Mason, member of the Wauseon Lodge No. 49, and he is a popular young man in the city, showing the stability of purpose that makes for good citizenship and success. He is unmarried.

Ben Leslie, who is creditably taking his place among the responsible young business men of Wauseon, Ohio, is the sole owner of the Wauseon Specialty Company, general grocers of that city. He has a good business reputation, and has shown himself to be an energetic, up-to-date merchant since he has conducted a store in Wauseon.

He is a native of Fulton county, born in 1887, the son of Elijah Benton and Clara A. (Palmer) Leslie. He is of English-Scotch ancestry, although the Leslie family has had many generations of American residence, the family being among the old families of Pennsylvania. Ben, as a boy, attended Wauseon schools, and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of H. F. Dimke, proprietor of a general store at Wauseon, staying there for eight months as a clerk. Then for more than three years he was a salesman in the dry goods store of the Mercer Co-Operative Company, Wauseon. He was a boy of strong characteristics, and when he began to earn money was not disposed to waste it in needless luxuries. He manifested commendable thrift, and also much capability in many other directions, especially as a salesman. He was also of an optimistic turn of

mind, and did not hesitate to enter independently into business as a grocer when he saw what seemed to be a good opportunity, even though he was at the time still a minor. For two years he conducted a grocery at the corner of Fulton and Oak streets, Wauseon, closing that business to enter another that promised greater return for time given. For six years he traveled as a representative for the Curtis Publishing Company and other publishing houses. During that period he proved his ability as a salesman, and accumulated some capital which later stood him in good stead. After six months spent in Toledo as stock clerk for a firm of wholesale grocers of that city he returned to Wauseon, and for more than three years was a clerk in the Wauseon Postoffice, under Postmaster Emil Weber. In August, 1917, Mr. Leslie purchased from Mr. H. Kennedy the Pioneer Grocery, situated at 132 North Fulton street, Wauseon, and has since conducted it. Mr. Leslie has some other business interests, but these are his main enterprises, and take most of his time. He employs four people, and up to the present he has shown a good capacity for consequential business.

In politics Mr. Leslie is independent; fraternally he belongs to local branches of the Independent Order of Odd Felows and the Knights of the Maccabees order. He is an earnest Christian, a member of the Evangelical Church.

In 1908 Mr. Leslie married Alta Mae, daughter of George W. and Ella (Oldfield) Ledyard, of Wauseon. They have three children: George Benton, who was born in 1910; Eleanore Mae, born in 1912, and Wayne Delos, born in 1919.

Francis Carl Smallman, grocer and seedsman of Wauseon, continuing in successful operation one of the oldest of such businesses in the city, has shown distinct capability for business affairs, and an equally marked capability for the administration of public affairs. He is one of the rising young business men of the county; was nominated for the office of mayor; has been president of the Wauseon City Council, and has been trustee of the Board of Public Affairs.

He was born in Wauseon, Ohio, in 1880, the son of Francis R. and Consuela (Acorn) Smallman, the former for forty years one of the leading business men of the city. Francis C. was educated in elementary and high school grades in the local schools. After he had completed two years in the Wauseon High School he took a preparatory course at the Kenyon Military Academy, Gambier, Ohio. After two years there he entered Kenyon College, where he took the Arts course for three years. Returning to Wauseon in 1901, he entered energetically into business association with his father, who conducted the store he now owns, and had conducted it since early manhood; in fact, the Smallman store at Wauseon has been widely known throughout Fulton county for almost half a century. It was established by Mr. Smallman, Sr., in 1873, and father and son have had a good share of the city and county trade during that period. Since 1909, the business has been entirely conducted by the son, the father then retiring; and during the last ten years of trading abundant evidence has been seen of the business enterprises of the son, who has expanded the business in many directions.

He has for many years been prominent in the social and public affairs of the city and, generally, is of enviable repute in Wauseon. Politically he gives allegiance to the republican party, and has interested himself actively in national campaigns. His activities of

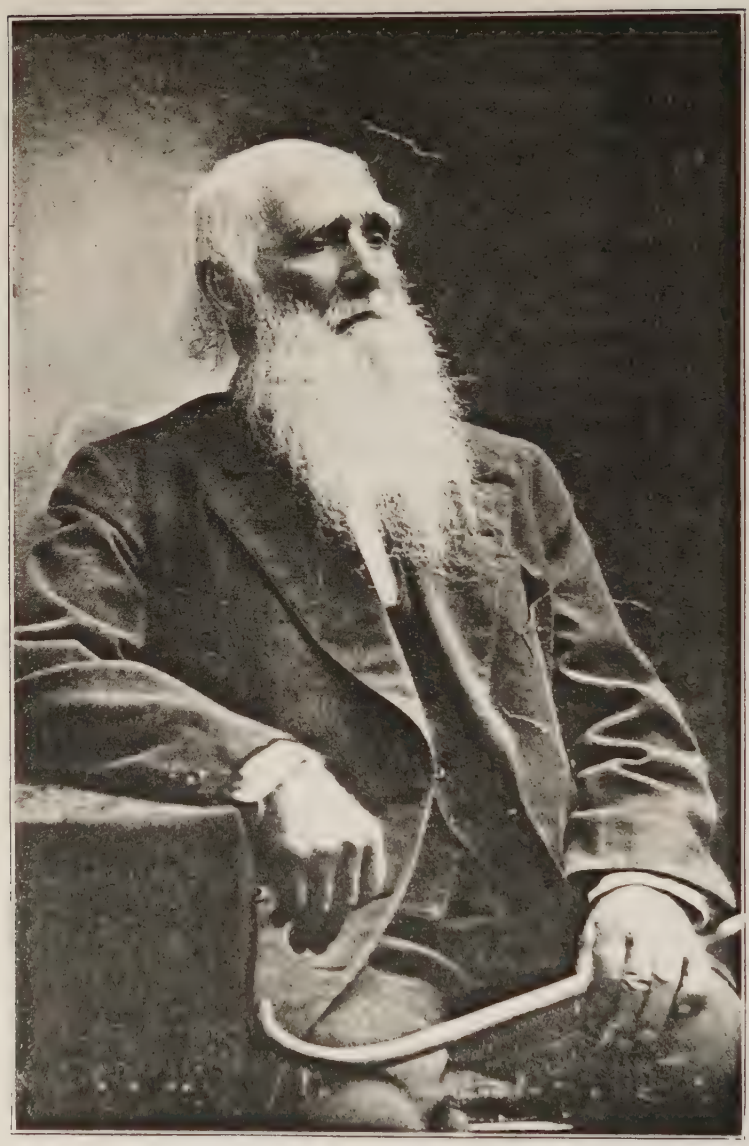
public bearing, however, have been more concerned with local affairs than national; in fact, he has taken quite prominent part in civic matters. He sat in the City Council for two terms, and was the president of that body, and for two years was one of the trustees of the Board of Public Affairs. His place among the people of the city may be gauged by his nomination for election to the office of chief magistrate. He, however, declined that honor, which would draw him almost entirely from his business affairs. He has been somewhat prominently identified with local lodges of fraternal organizations, being a thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. His college fraternity is Delta Tau Delta.

Mr. Smallman, in 1909, married Elsie, daughter of John F. Dimke, a well known Wauseon resident. They have one child, a daughter, Jane Alcorn.

Frank R. Guilford, president of the well-known Wauseon, Ohio, firm of Brigham, Guilford & Company, department store owners, and one of the leading business men of this city, has achieved substantial success as a merchant during the last decade. He has also come prominently to the fore as a public worker, has held more than one public office, has been a member of the Wauseon City Council for three terms, and has in very many ways proved himself to be a good citizen and an able man of marked public spirit.

He is a native of Wauseon, born in the city in 1882, the son of Conley E. and Florence (McConnell) Guilford. The Guilford family is of English origin, but for many generations has been resident in America, the progenitor of the American branch of the old English family having settled near Cuba, in New York State. Conley E. Guilford, father of Frank R., was for many years a prominent merchant in Wauseon, a pioneer druggist, and he was much esteemed in the city and county. A man of strong character and definite capability, he took good part in the public affairs of the district, was for two terms county treasurer, and was a factor of much influence with the people of the city.

Frank R. Guilford attended the public schools of Wauseon and graduated from the Wauseon High School in 1900. He then proceeded to Columbus, and took the course at the Ohio State University, graduating in arts and science, and thus gaining the Bachelor of Arts degree, with the class of 1905. For a year thereafter he was in Louisville, Kentucky, where he was employed as an accountant. He returned to Wauseon so that he might take the office of deputy county treasurer under his father, who had been elected to the office of county treasurer. As a matter of fact his father was county treasurer for two terms, but it was only for his father's second term, 1905-06, that he acted as deputy. In 1906 Frank R. Guildford became accountant for C. E. Rossman & Company, department store owners of Wauseon: and it was in all probability this connection that shaped materially his future business activities. For three years he remained with that company. In 1909, he took part in the organization of another company, the object of which was to establish a department store business in Wauseon, and this new organization took over the business of C. E. Rossman & Company. The new company took the trading name of Brigham, Guilford & Company, the partners being Messrs. Guilford, Brigham, Scott, Dalrymple and Palmer, all good business men, favorably known in Wauseon and



LUCIUS PALMER TAYLOR
Born August 15th, 1817, 102 years old August 15th, 1919.

within a radius of twenty-five miles of that place, so that they started in business with good prospects of succeeding. Mr. Guilford was appointed general manager and elected secretary and treasurer of the corporate body, which had been capitalized at $60,000. He continued in such capacities until the death of Mr. Brigham in 1917, soon after which occurrence he was elected president of the company, which office, as well as that of general manager, he has since held. The trading of the company has been very satisfactorily expanded, and today it holds an enviable place among the business institutions of Wauseon, and draws trade over a wide area. The store is the largest retail establishment in Northwest Ohio outside of Toledo.

Mr. Guilford is now a man of substance, has a very good reputation, and his standing in the city has brought him into connection with the direction of other corporate concerns of public trust. He is a director of the Fulton County Building, Loan and Savings Company, and is himself the owner of an agricultural property one hundred acres in extent.

He has for many years taken active interest in the public administration of the city and county, and his popularity in the city may be gauged by the fact that for three terms he was elected to the City Council, and for a like period sat on the Board of Public Affairs. He has shown commendable sincerity in public work and much ability as an administrator, and while the war was in progress was indefatigable in his efforts to further the national cause in his home territory. Politically he has been staunch in his allegiance to the republican party, and has been an active worker for the cause. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias. Of the branches of the former he belongs to the lodge of F. and A. M., Wauseon, to the Wauseon Chapter, and to Defiance Commandery. By religious conviction he is a Congregationalist, and a member and good supporter of the Wauseon Congregational Church. His success in life is all the more commendable in that it has been attained entirely by his own efforts. It of course had a very solid base in the superior education he was able to get, but education is not the only essential to success.

Frank R. Guilford married Dolly, daughter of William S. and Flora (Stuller) Boone, of Wauseon. The marriage took place in 1907, and two children have been born to them: Hortense Ruth and Conley Boone.

Lucius Palmer Taylor. It is not given to many men to pass the century milestone, but Fulton county has a citizen who gives the census enumerator 102 years old as his last birthday. This magnificent specimen of honorable old age is Lucius Palmer Taylor of Pike Township, a man who holds the affectionate esteem of all who have the distinct honor of his acquaintance. He was born in Bucklin Township, Franklin county, Massachusetts on August 15, 1817, a son of Orrin and Ann Street (Hall) Taylor. Orrin Taylor was born in Bucklin Township, Franklin county, Massachusetts, on September 5, 1789, a son of William and Abigail (Miles) Taylor, natives of Massachusetts; grandson of Othnel and Martha (Arms) Taylor. Othnel Taylor was born in 1719 and served as captain of a company during the American Revolution. He was a son of Capt. Samuel Taylor, who was born at Northfield, Massachusetts, in 1688, and served as captain in the regular British Army stationed at Norwalk, Connecticut. Samuel Taylor was a son of

John Taylor, who was born June 14, 1614, and settled at Northfield, Massachusetts, but was killed while commanding a company pursuing Seuer de Montgomery during the troubles with the French. He had come from his birthplace, Windsor, England, to the American Colonies with a band of Puritans in 1630, to escape persecution. The wife of Samuel Taylor was Sarah Munn, and she was born on December 2, 1716. The maternal grandfather of Lucius Palmer Taylor was Joel Hall, and he was born at Wallingford, Connecticut.

After their marriage Orrin Taylor and his wife came to Ohio, traveling as far as the Erie Canal by wagon, and then came by canalboat to Buffalo, New York. There they secured passage on a steamer to Cleveland, Ohio. The Ohio Canal afforded them passage as far as Boston Bridge, and from that point the little party traveled again by wagon to the destination, Northfield, Ohio. For the first couple of years Orrin Taylor and his brother engaged in fishing in Lake Huron at Thunder Bay Island. In order to make the payment on his land Mr. Taylor had to go to Detroit, Michigan, the nearest land office, and walked the entire distance there and back. He was accompanied by his brother William O. It was his intention to place the currency about his waist in a money belt, but found the belt too heavy to carry in that fashion, so slung it about his shoulders. It is very evident that people were more honest in those days, as Mr. Taylor met with no accident and delivered his money safely. Few men would like to undertake a similar trip today. Indeed it would not be safe for anyone to attempt to carry such a belt a block on a crowded city street, to say nothing of journeying over trackless wastes for a matter of days. He and his brother paid for 380 acres adjoining, the land lying east of the farm of Lucius P. Taylor.

Lucius Palmer Taylor has a vivid recollection of some of the hardships of the early days in Ohio. For some years the family lived in a little twelve foot square cabin, with benches along the side for beds. The door opening was so low that they had to bend their heads in order to keep from bumping themselves. In 1843 he came to Pike Township and bought 240 acres in the wild timber.

This land was not only covered with timber, but parts of it were swampy, and the brush was very heavy. He cleared off about thirty acres, and built a log cabin, and then decided to secure some assistance. It was not as difficult to get men as it was to buy the requisite amount of whisky these men regarded as a necessary adjunct to their daily labor. Mr. Taylor kept on improving his property, among other things setting out an orchard of peaches and other fruits. He says he many times sold peaches from this orchard for 12½ cents per bushel, and was glad to get that price, for in some seasons there were no purchasers for them and he fed them to his hogs. As the country settled up he became associated with its development, and among other enterprises with which he was connected was the Fulton County Fair Association, which he assisted in organizing.

On February 13, 1840, Mr. Taylor was married to Susannah Ozmun, born in Liverpool Township, Medina county, Ohio, in March, 1815, a daughter of Israel and Susan (Mallard) Ozmun, natives of New York state and Medina county, Ohio, respectively. Mr. Taylor walked a distance of thirty miles to the county seat and back for the license, and at the time thought nothing in particular about the trip, such journeys being the ordinary thing. He

and his wife became the parents of the following children: Lucy A., who was born April 4, 1841, died in January, 1915; Orrin O., who was born on November 17, 1842, died at Allentown, Virginia, on April 9, 1865; Jesse, who was born on September 10, 1844, served as a soldier during the war between the states, and died at Washington, District of Columbia, on November 12, 1903; Charlotte, who was born March 2, 1847, died in July, 1853; Emeline, who was born on February 20, 1849, married Milo Hart Barnum, and he died on June 24, 1919, and she is now a resident of Newburg, Ohio; Ida E., who was born February 4, 1851, is Mrs. Edward Herriott; Susanetta, who was born November 9, 1853, is Mrs. John Luke; Olive L., who was born December 29, 1855, is connected with the Toledo, Ohio, Hospital; and Henry L., who was born November 8, 1858. The grandchildren of Mr. Taylor are as follows: Rosa Barnum, who was born January 2, 1872, is Mrs. Edward Alonzo Lund, of Bedford, Ohio; Benjamin Nelson Doyle Barnum, who was born on August 4, 1873, resides with Mr. Taylor; Orrin Ozmun Barnum, born September 4, 1875, has lived at the old home since he was born; and George Milo Barnum, who was born March 10, 1886, lives at Bedford, Ohio; Elwin Herriott, who lives at Toledo, Ohio; Ollie Herriott, who is Mrs. Mike Whalen, who lives in Lucas county, Ohio; Pearl Luke, who is Mrs. Isaac Everett, of Fulton Township; and Vern Luke, who is a resident of Fulton Township.

On the anniversary of his 100th birthday Mr. Taylor had a photograph taken of himself, his daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, and great-great-grandson, and this very unusual picture is cherished by the members of his family. Since the organization of the republican party Mr. Taylor has given it his hearty support, and he has served as township trustee. When the war broke out between the North and the South Mr. Taylor was regarded as being a little past the age for active service at the front, although he was a member of the home guards during the period of the war. He has lived to see practically all of the "young" men who were taken into active service buried, and is today more active and mentally alert than many who were not born until the time he was relegated to local service. During the late war Mr. Taylor was active in his expression of his interest, and it was remarkable how he followed the various campaigns and kept abreast of current events.

Although Mr. Taylor was not permitted to enter the army during the early '60s, his sons were, and one of them, Orrin, gave up his life in defense of his country. He had left $600 with his father for the purpose of applying it on the erection of a new home for his parents, and this was built in 1867, of bricks made from clay produced on the homestead. At that time Mr. Taylor, then over fifty years old, worked at pitching clay into the grinder to make the bricks. It was in this home that Mrs. Taylor passed away on January 30, 1892.

Mr. Taylor has lived during the greatest period of American history. James Monroe had only been in office as president of the United States a few months when Mr. Taylor was born. The Missouri Compromise was not enacted until he was three years of age, which piece of legislation opened the great Northwest for settlement. During his lifetime he has witnessed the outbreak and close of the Black Hawk, Mexican, Civil, Spanish-American, Philippine, Mexican Border and World conflicts, and in all of them he has seen the United States emerge a victor.

During the more than one hundred years that Mr. Taylor has lived he has seen two very remarkable changes made in the Constitution. One occurred when the colored race was declared to have the same constitutional rights as the white race, and the other when the liquor traffic was made illegal.

Mr. Taylor has followed the growth of practically all of the territory west of the Mississippi River; he passed through the great gold excitement of 1849, when gold was discovered in California, and then witnessed much the same action on the part of the people over the Klondyke gold fields. Railroads have sprung up; automobiles been invented and perfected, and of late years the air has been conquered.

Locating on the land he bought, Mr. Taylor painfully and laboriously cleared off and developed his farm, taking weeks and months for operations that his great-great-granchildren can perform in a few hours with their improved machinery and appliances. Nearly every kind of work performed by hand in his youth and young manhood is now done by machinery. He has seen the various development in the grade of stock; the remarkable changes in business systems; the development of the banking houses; the establishment of mighty trusts; the organization of capitalistic interests, and of trades unions.

When Mr. Taylor was a young man Japan and China were hidebound despotisms; the monarchies of Europe were regarded as unchanging as time itself, and yet he has been spared to witness the introduction of Occidental interests in the Orient; and the overthrowing of thrones and the rise of republics on the ruins.

Looking backward over the nearly one hundred years within his recollection, Mr. Taylor can calmly make his own deductions, and it may surprise some that he is not at all inclined to award all the praise to conditions and methods of today. He misses the genial interest, the generous hospitality, the kindly sympathy, and the friendly relations between employer and employe. Having experienced life under varying conditions and in different periods, he is qualified to judge, and speaks in all sincerity when he urges the present generation to learn from the past and to look forward to the future, knowing that when his youngest descendant reaches his present age he, too, will look back over just as many and important changes and marvel that the people of 1920 were able to accomplish as much as they did considering the way they were hampered by lack of the facilities which the twenty-first century has provided.

Frank Barnum Reynolds, a well-known and successful merchant of Wauseon, Ohio, first became responsibly identified with Wauseon business twenty-eight years ago, when he was part owner of the hardware business he latterly has owned. And during the period he has taken an interested part in the responsibilities of the community, supporting its institutions and endeavoring as far as he was able to further its prosperity. He has an enviable reputation in the city and county both as a business man and as a citizen.

He was born in Ridgeville township, Henry county, Ohio, in 1867, the son of John E. and Elizabeth (Mosher) Reynolds, of that place. He attended the public school nearest his father's farm during the winter term, and each summer gave his vacation to duties upon the home farm. From the elementary school he graduated to the Wauseon Normal School, eventually entering business life well grounded in general academic knowledge. He elected to follow

commercial pursuits, and his first experience was in a clerical capacity, in the hardware store of Vernier & McLoughlin at Archbold, this connection influencing his later life, for he has throughout his active career of trading held almost exclusively to the hardware line. After three years with the Archbold firm he went to Wauseon and purchased an interest in the hardware business of Moyer & Biddle, taking over the interest of Mr. F. W. Moyer. The store, which was then (1892) situated where Mr. Reynolds still conducts the business, was a good one, and the business substantial. Under the reorganization the company name changed from that of Moyer & Biddle to that of the Biddell & Reynolds. The company continued thus constituted for three years, when Mr. Biddle sold his interest to Mr. F. B. Ufer, the firm name with the change becoming Reynolds & Ufer. Another change of trading name occurred when Mr. Ufer disposed of his interest to Mr. J. S. Rychener, the name then becoming Reynolds & Rychener, under which partnership it was conducted for five years, when Mr. Reynolds acquired the whole business, the store then becoming known as the Reynolds Hardware Store. Two years later, in 1904, he sold the business to Mr. H. J. Gelzer. He soon afterward became interested in a hardware business at Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, Ohio, and for several years he successfully conducted a store at that place. Having decided to retire, he disposed of that business and spent some time without active business connection. Returning to Wauseon in 1914, he bought his old business from the then owner, John A. Cron, and from that time until the present Mr. Reynolds has been its sole owner. As a hardware merchant he is known throughout the county, and is known to trade in products of reliable grade. Consequently the business is a steady and satisfactory one, the trading being both with city people and country folk.

Politically Mr. Reynolds is a republican; religiously he is a Methodist, a member of Wauseon Methodist Episcopal Church; and he and his wife have many friends in Wauseon.

Mr. Reynolds has been married for twenty-eight years, since 1892, his wife having been Ida Stotzer, daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Snyder) Stotzer, of Archbold, Ohio.

Charles E. Mattison, a native of Wauseon and an enterprising, energetic business man of that city, has had very promising success since establishing the Central Garage of Wauseon, with Ralph Merrill and G. Scott Roos as partners. They operate the Willard Service Station, and specialize in storage batteries and do general garage work, vulcanizing, and trade in tires and auto accessories generally.

Mr. Charles E. Mattison was born in Wauseon, Ohio, on December 24, 1880, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Frazier) Mattison, respected residents of that place. He attended the local public schools until he had reached the age of seventeen years, thus gaining a good fundamental academic knowledge. He was more inclined to occupations connected with mechanics than with commercial affairs, and when he entered upon the serious occupation of life it was in the capacity of telephone repairer for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Thus he became connected with electrical work, and in course of time became an expert electrician. During the five years of his connection with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company he traveled to many widely-separated parts of the

United States, but eventually returned to Wauseon. He then became connected with the automobile business.

Politically Mr. Mattison is an independent republican, and fraternally belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of the Wauseon Blue Lodge and Chapter. He takes a lively interest in the progress of his native place, and is well regarded in the city.

In 1914 he married Gertrude, daughter of C. C. and Margaret (Wheeler) Close, of Swanton, Ohio.

George William Hartmann, M. D. The work that any busy, conscientious physician and surgeon performs during an average lifetime fills an important chapter in the history of the medical profession, whether it becomes public or not. In his own experience every such practitioner at some time or another comes upon emergencies for which no rule of practice has prepared him, when he must depend entirely upon his own judgment and medical skill, and from such conditions more than once have come discoveries that have had wide-reaching beneficial results. One of the eminent medical men of Fulton county, who has devoted a long and busy life to the alleviation of the bodily ills that afflict humanity, is Dr. George William Hartmann, who is one of Wauseon's most highly valued citizens.

Doctor Hartmann was born in Clinton township, Fulton county, Ohio, January 9, 1852, and is a son of John Conrad and Charlotte (Houghtby) Hartmann, who were early settlers and farming people of Fulton county. He grew up on his father's farm, attended the district schools, and still later had advantages in the Wauseon High School and a normal school at Bryan, Ohio. He then became a medical student under Dr. Philo E. Jones at Wauseon, with whom he remained one and a half years. In the fall of 1878 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which great institution he was graduated as one of the ten best men at the head of his class, on July 1, 1881, with his coveted degree.

Doctor Hartmann entered into practice at Archbold, Ohio, where for seven years he had the advantage of working with the noted practitioner, Dr. A. J. Murbach. In 1892 he came to Wauseon, and this city has been his home and his main field of practice ever since. He is a valued member of numerous medical bodies, including the American Medical, the Ohio State, the Fulton County and the Northwestern Ohio Medical Associations.

At Archbold, Ohio, in 1881, Doctor Hartmann was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Stotzer, who is a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Miller) Stotzer. Of six children born to Doctor and Mrs. Hartmann three survive, namely, Carl Floyd, Florence Edna and Helen Elizabeth. Carl Floyd Hartman was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the University of Michigan in 1907, from Rush Medical College in 1909, with the degree of M. D., and afterward served as an interne in St. Vincent's Hospital. When the United States became involved in the great war he entered the National Army as lieutenant in the medical corps, and in 1917 at Camp Grant was promoted to a captaincy, on May 18, 1918, being made major, and was placed in charge of the medical detachment of the Three Hundred and Forty-third United States Infantry. On August 27, 1918, he sailed for France, later was placed in command of the Medical Department of Air Service for the armies at Colombey-Les Belles, France. In February, 1919, he became acting lieutenant-colonel in charge of the Medical Department

of the American Air Forces connected with hospitals in the entire war zone in France, and continued so to serve until he was mustered out of the service May 29, 1919, with a marvelous record for executive efficiency. In 1910 he was married to Miss Pearl Reynolds, who is a daughter of William Reynolds, a well known resident of Fulton county, and they have two children, Floyd Wellington and Ruth. Florence Edna, the older daughter, is a graduate of the Wauseon High School and the Toledo Business College. Helen Elizabeth, the youngest of the family, is a graduate of the Wauseon High School and the University of Michigan, also of the Detroit School of Music and Art, and teaches these sciences in the public schools at Wauseon and Delta.

Both as physician and public-spirited citizen Doctor Hartmann has many times proved his deep interest in the welfare of Wauseon and this section, always being ready to lend his influence to practical welfare movements. In politics he has been a republican voter since early manhood. Twice he has served as coroner of Fulton county, and for a number of years has been a member of the school board. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and belongs also to the order of Modern Woodmen. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Frederick B. Fowler. There is no vocation that commands greater respect and few which offer better opportunity for the display of character and ability than does that of the legal profession. Wauseon's bar has long ranked with the most distinguished of Ohio, and the profession here represented has numbered among its members many men of high standing and statewide reputation. In preparing a review of the careers of men whose names stand out prominently in the legal profession of this city, who, by character and achievements, have attained notable distinction, the record of Frederick B. Fowler is found to be one that compels more than passing attention.

Frederick B. Fowler was born in York township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1870, a son of William and Catherine (Heuricle) Fowler, and grandson of William Fowler. The Fowler family was founded in this country by the great-grandfather of F. B. Fowler, who came from England to Massachusetts, and was there occupied with farming. During the war of 1812 he served his adopted country as a soldier. His son, William Fowler, went to Fairfield county, Pennsylvania, and later came to Ohio, he and his son, William Fowler, securing government land in Fulton county, which they cleared and improved. The original deeds to this property are in the hands of F. B. Fowler, and the latter was born on the property his father secured in York township.

Growing up in his native country, Frederick B. Fowler attended its schools, and then for nine terms he was a student of the Northwestern Ohio Collegiate Institute at Wauseon, taking the scientific and literary courses. He studied law in the offices of Fuller & Hardy, attorneys of Wauseon, and was admitted to the bar in 1900. Immediately thereafter Mr. Fowler located at Wauseon, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession, specializing in criminal law, and being noted for his ability as a trial lawyer. Some of his important cases have been the following: J. R. Linthcomb case at Wauseon, the J. Roscoe Carter case in the Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, in both of which he secured acquittals, and many of minor importance. He lost his case when he defended Fred Lehman,

charged with murdering his wife, which lasted six weeks and cost $10,000. His associate in this case was Judge John W. Winn, of Defiance, Ohio. Mr. Fowler has been connected with important jurisprudence in the Federal and State courts of other states, and is recognized as a man of unusual ability and powerful eloquence.

In 1907 Mr. Fowler was married to Clara Vocke, a daughter of Joseph and Genevieve (Keihn) Vocke, of Napoleon, Ohio, there being no children. Mr. Fowler is a democrat and was nominated by his party for prosecuting attorney in 1911, and although running in a strongly republican district was only defeated by 100 votes. In 1918 he was again his party's nominee for the same office, but was defeated in the great republican landslide of that year. He was a candidate for judge of the Court of Pleas in 1915 and ran third. At present he is secretary of the Democratic County Central Committee, and is recognized as one of the leaders in his party.

Mr. Fowler is an attorney who by reason of his eloquence and address, dignified deportment, reasoning powers, and persuasive address is so effective in his addresses to juries. He fully understands how to present facts so clearly and forcibly as to convince his hearers of his sincerity and his own belief in the innocence of his client, and it is seldom that he fails to secure an acquittal.

William R. Clark, V. S. Of so much value have become the scientific knowledge and skill of the veterinarian that governments make provision for their services, competing to secure the most efficient, for in a way, the commercial interests of a country depend, in large measure, on the production of stock and its wholesomeness as food for the world's teeming millions. Humanity's dumb brethren of farm, field and forest are subject to ills that, unattended, decimate herds and flocks, and the stockman and dairyman find no better friend than the skilled veterinary surgeon. Equally is he indispensable to the horseman, to the owners and trainers of wild animals, and to the possessors of priceless household pets. A recognized authority in this line of medical science in Fulton county is Dr. William R. Clark of Wauseon, where he operates a modern animal hospital.

William R. Clark was born in Clinton township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1862. He can trace ancestry back to the Mayflower, has proofs of Revolutionary stock and is very proud of this unquestionable American genealogy. His grandfather, Ebenezer Clark, was born in Ohio in 1801, and his parents, John A. and Elizabeth (Krantz) Clark, were born in the same state. Mr. Clark was born on his father's farm and very early took an interest in the line of work in which he has met with so much success. After completing the common school course in Fulton county he determined on his future career, and to make himself thoroughly proficient in 1895 entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, Canada, from which he was graduated with honors and with the degree of veterinary surgeon, authorized and made legal in 1898. He returned then to Fulton county and located at Pettisville, which he made his headquarters until the fall of 1899, when he came to Wauseon, which city has been his home ever since. He has established an animal hospital here, and at different times has had pedigreed horses in charge, together with many other examples of the animal kingdom, notably animals for exhibition purposes. His practice extends over many adjacent counties to Fulton, and in his professional capacity his advice is often asked (and paid for) by owners of stock interests

much farther away. He is a prominent member of the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Association, and belongs also to the American Veterinarian Society.

In 1889 Doctor Clark was united in marriage to Miss Leah Hind, who is a daughter of Joseph and Cordelia Jane (Boyer) Hind, residents of Wauseon. Doctor and Mrs. Clark have two children, namely: Mazola, who is the wife of Clarence Bates, has two children; and Harold H., who was born in 1904. Although too busy to serve in any public office, Doctor Clark does not feel that he is thereby relieved entirely from the responsibilities of citizenship. He gives political support to the principles of the independent wing of the democratic party in national matters, locally looking out for the welfare of Wauseon. He belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias in this city.

Clair Schofield Campbell, M. D. The call of duty has ever been a clarion summons to the true physician. In recent days this country has had occasion to note the quick responses that brought unselfishly to the front in the service of their country the ablest men of scientific attainment in this line, men who proved their love of humanity, as well as their professional skill, in as dangerous situations as has brought to their hands the shattered soldier comrades they strove to rebuild. Wauseon can lay claim to medical heroes of this kind, and will long remember the patriotism and the professional ability of Dr. Clair S. Campbell, who, fortunately, was spared to return from such duty to his former field of effort at Wauseon.

Clair Schofield Campbell was born in Ohio, January 2, 1872. His parents were Dr. G. P. and Sarah (Huldy) Campbell. His great-grandfather Campbell immigrated from Scotland to the United States and established himself near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, securing land and rearing his family there. The father of Doctor Campbell was born in Pennsylvania, later moved to Ohio, and completed his medical education in New York, from there coming to Fulton county, where he engaged in medical practice until his death, which occurred in 1904. Of his family of children, Doctor Campbell of Wauseon was the first born.

From the public schools Doctor Campbell entered the Northern Ohio University at Ada, from which he was graduated in the scientific course. He then spent one year in the Davis Military Academy at LaGrange, North Carolina, which was followed by two years of study at Bethany College, West Virginia. In 1890 he entered the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, and from this institution was graduated in 1894, since when, as time and opportunity has offered, he has taken post graduate work in Chicago colleges, during almost his entire practice having specialized in the eye, ear and throat, becoming an authority on the same.

During the first nine years of practice Doctor Campbell was located at Tedrow, Ohio. In 1905 he came to Wauseon, and during the next thirteen years firmly established himself in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. The coming of the great war, with its immediate demands for loyal service of every kind, found him ready to give up all personal ties and business expectations for the general good. In October, 1918, he passed the required examination for a medical commission and was ordered to Camp Greenleaf at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he served two months as captain of the medical corps, then was transferred to New York City and assigned to Debarkation Hospital No. 1, Ellis Island, as chief

eye, ear, nose and throat and plastic surgeon. He received his honorable discharge June 30, 1919.

Doctor Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Allen, of Fayette, Ohio, who is a daughter of Charles L. and Susan (Gamber) Allen, and they have one child, Charles Allen.

From early manhood Doctor Campbell has been in sympathy with the principles of the democratic party and has been active in local affairs for many years. In 1916 his friends urged his candidacy for Congress, and, while defeated, his personal popularity was shown by his running second in a field of six candidates. He belongs to numerous medical bodies and scientific organizations, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Edward Griffin Cole, D. D. S. Every intelligent community has accepted the belief that sound teeth are essential to good health. Americans are more or less noted for their attractive smiles, whereby they display a very wholesome condition of the mouth, and it is not too much to say that much of this wholesomeness is due to American dentistry. More than one crowned head, in days now past, has recognized this fact and has called an American dentist to his court so that he could be benefitted by his skill. While this is all true, it is only within a comparatively short time that dentistry has really come into its own and taken its place in the front rank of medical science. In this connection Wauseon is fortunate, for among its corps of dental surgeons are men of wide experience and great professional skill, one of these being Dr. Edward Griffin Cole, who in 1918 was elected president of the Miami Valley Dental Society.

Edward Griffin Cole was born on his father's farm in Fulton county, Ohio, December 17, 1877, and is a son of Edward and Ida (Hager) Cole. The Cole family was established in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, by the great-grandfather of Doctor Cole, who came from England. The father was born in Tioga county and came from there to Fulton county, Ohio, in 1869, purchasing a farm situated six miles north of Wauseon, on which he lived until 1904, when he removed to Coldwater, Michigan, where he lives retired. On the maternal side Doctor Cole preserves the Dewey ancestry in continuous line from 1532, his kinship with the late Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay, being close, as his maternal grandmother was a sister of Admiral Dewey's father.

Doctor Cole spent his boyhood days on the home farm and attended the country schools and later those at Wauseon, subsequently entering the Tri-State College, where he passed two years and then became a student in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, which is a part of the University of Cincinnati. He pursued his studies there from 1899 until his graduation in 1902, with his degree receiving honorable mention because of his skill in crown and bridge work. He established his practice at Wauseon, and this has been his home ever since. He is identified with the Maumee Valley Dental Society, the Ohio State Dental Association, and the National Dental Society, and with other scientific bodies, and his professional work has brought him into much prominence.

In 1903 Doctor Cole was united in marriage to Miss Grace Struble, who is a daughter of Charles and Evelyn Struble, of Delta, Ohio, and they have three children, namely: Robert Edward, Virginia Evelyn and Julius William. A zealous republican at all times, Doctor Cole takes a deep interest in the permanency of his party's principles, but he has never consented to accept any political office

except in relation to the schools. He has been a member of the school board seven years and is serving in his second term as president. He has membership in no fraternal organization except the Knights of Pythias, a strong body at Wauseon.

JAY H. MILLER, M. D. The medical profession at Wauseon is well represented by a body of intelligent, conscientious men, many of whom have devoted every energy to the faithful practice of medical science since they completed the educational course that entitled them to their degree. A practitioner here who has been exceptionally successful in his profession and stands high in the confidence and esteem of co-workers and people alike is Dr. J. H. Miller.

Jay H. Miller was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, in October, 1862, and is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (McBride) Miller. He is in the sixth generation from the Miller ancestor who came to the United States from Germany and became the founder of a long and honorable line that has included both agriculturists and professional men. The father of Doctor Miller afforded him educational opportunities and encouraged his professional ambitions. He attended the public schools through boyhood, later took a course in the Normal School at Ada, and then, in 1886, entered the Hospital College of Medicine connected with the Central University of Kentucky, from which he was graduated with his degree.

Doctor Miller entered into practice at Glasgow in Barren county, Kentucky, where he remained for two years, and then sought a wider field at Denton, Texas, where he had wide and varied experience, all of it beneficial as experience, but with less monetary return than he felt his medical ability should command. After eleven years there, during which he formed friendships he will always cherish, circumstances called his attention to Wauseon, Ohio, and he returned to his native state and lolated in this city, invested in property, and his interests have been centered here ever since. He is in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice commensurate with his medical ability and surgical skill.

In 1866 Doctor Miller was united in marriage to Miss Lillie B. Adams, who is a daughter of W. T. and Amanda (Carpenter) Adams, residents of Glasgow, Kentucky, and to this marriage the following children have been born: Mina C., who is the wife of George Hallauner, and they have a son, John, who was born in 1918; Pauline, who is the wife of Stanley Knight, of Chicago, and they have two children, Jean and Joan; Carl A., now of Toledo, who served four years in the United States Navy, was an electrical worker in the marine department that went over to France; and Bessie Ruth, who is the wife of Paul Shaver, of Maurertown, Shenandoah county, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Shaver have two children, Paul and Janice J.

Doctor and Mrs. Miller are members of the First Christian Church at Wauseon. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical, the Western Ohio Medical and the Fulton County Medical Associations. In addition to these professional bodies he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen. He is liberal in his political views and votes as his own good judgment suggests.

PHILEMON L. UPP. No one has ever denied the importance of the work done by the farmer, but recently these activities have assumed a position never before held, not only this country, but

throughout the world. Much of the efficiency of the present day farmer comes from the fact that the land he is operating has been developed into a high state of cultivation so that all of his energies can be concentrated upon the production of the sorely-needed foodstuffs. One of the men of the older generation of farmers who is now living retired at Wauseon is Philemon L. Upp, owner and developer of 150 acres of very valuable land in Clinton township, Fulton county.

Philemon L. Upp was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1848, a son of Philip and Hannah Upp. The Upp family is of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction, and its members have been either farmers or local merchants, and most excellent, sturdy and honest people. After acquiring a country school education, as many country youths, alternating working on the farm in the summers and going to school in the winter until he was twenty, Mr. Upp decided to strike out for himself.

He was married to Mary E. Nesbitt, of Huron county, in 1867, and they became the parents of the following children: Lewis Elmer, who was born in 1869, lives at Wauseon; Anna A., who died in 1918; Philip Henry, who was born in 1874; Jocelyn, who was born in 1877; William Clayton, who was born in 1882, and Clarence Raymond, who was born in 1885. After his marriage Mr. Upp conducted his father's farm for three years, and then bought eighty acres in Huron county, and remained on it for three years. For the subsequent two years he was in a hardware business with his brother, under the firm name of Upp Brothers, at Plymouth, Ohio, and then was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Plymouth for a time. In 1880 he came to Fulton county and bought 154 acres of land in Clinton township that he still owns. He continued to improve and conduct this property until 1903, when he moved to Wauseon and turned the work of farming over to his son Philip. This farm is devoted to a general line of crops, and is one of the good ones of the county. In politics Mr. Upp is a democrat. Interested in the work of the Grange, he was a member of it until he retired from the farm, and believes every farmer ought to join it and learn through it how to make the most of his land. Although he has not cared for office, Mr. Upp takes the interest of a public-spirited man in the affairs of his community and county, and is regarded as one of those citizens who have made the world the better and happier for his passing through it.

Harmon August Krauss. In these days of competition and government regulations the meat and grocery interests of the country are passing into the hands of thoroughly experienced and competent men, for only such men can make a success in an industry beset with so many obstacles. One of the men who is recognized as a perfectly reliable merchant and honorable man is Harmon August Krauss of Wauseon, who has long been a resident of this part of the state. He was born at Stryker, Ohio, in 1884, a son of William and Augusta Krauss.

Growing up in his native town, Harmon A. Krauss attended its grammar and high schools and then went to Bryan, Ohio, where he was a salesman for Binn & Boothman in their dry goods business for five years. At the expiration of that period Mr. Krauss came to Wauseon and for six years was a clerk for C. E. Roseman & Company, dry goods. He then went with the dry goods house of Spencer & Edgar for three years, following which he became proprietor

of a meat and grocery business at West Unity, Ohio, and conducted it for 3½ years. Selling that store, he returned to Wauseon and went into a meat business here, but at the close of two years the building he was occupying was condemned and Mr. Krauss arranged for the erection of a new building, specially equipped for his occupancy and which is thoroughly modern in every respect. When he opened up for business he put in a complete line of fancy and staple groceries and has built up a very desirable trade among the best people of Wauseon.

In 1915 Mr. Krauss was united in marriage with Fay Folk, a daughter of Samuel E. and Celia Folk of Bryan, Ohio. In politics Mr. Krauss is a republican, but aside from exercising his right of suffrage he has not taken much part in public affairs. His fraternal connections are those he has formed as a member of the Knights of Pythias. Successful in business, he has won his way in the world by the exercise of natural ability and sound common sense, combined with a willingness to work. Since he has had a business of his own he has studied the wishes of his customers and seen to it that they found in his store what they wanted, and has given them a satisfactory service. Having centered his interests at Wauseon, he is naturally anxious to have it keep abreast of modern progress and can be counted upon to give his support to any movements having that end in view.

William Weber. One of the old business houses of Wauseon, that if removed from the city's everyday business life would be greatly missed, is the jewelry establishment at No. 205 Fulton street that has borne the name of Weber for almost a half century. Its owner and proprietor is William Weber, jeweler and optician, who purchased the store his father had founded when Wauseon was a village.

William Weber was born at Wauseon in 1871. His parents were Henry and Mary (Schlatter) Weber. The latter was born February 2, 1844, in Canton Schaubhausen, Switzerland. Henry Weber was born December 23, 1827, in Zurich, Switzerland, and was twenty-four years old when he came to America. In Switzerland the business of watchmaking in all its delicate details has long been carried to the highest degree of perfection by expert workers, and today a real hand-made Swiss watch commands a high price. There Henry Weber was taught this trade. When he came to the United States he located at Maumee, Ohio, where he worked at watchmaking for a time and then came to Wauseon and opened a watch repair shop and jewelry store that has continued in the family ever since, his death occurring in 1904. He was twice married and was the father of eleven children, six of these still living. To his second marriage eight children were born, one of these being William Weber of Wauseon, whose mother died in 1919.

William Weber attended the public schools until he was fifteen years of age, then accepted his father's practical suggestion that he should go to Toledo and learn the jewelry trade with a reliable firm. Hence, for five years Mr. Weber remained in the establishment of Maurice Judd, and left there prepared to work independently. He opened a shop at Archbold, which he conducted for two years, when a fire destroyed his property, after which he went to Delta and for the next ten years worked for the firm of Pratt Brothers. He then came back to Wauseon and worked for his father for a year, then went to Tipton, Indiana, as a journeyman for a year and a half,

and then went back to Delta and for two years was with the Gehring Brothers, druggists and jewelers as a partner, having a half interest in the jewelry department of the business. The death of his father recalled him to Wauseon, and in 1906 he bought his father's old business and has continued ever since. He carries a well selected stock of modern goods in his line, together with some almost priceless jewels and is prepared to put the same in any style of setting desired and with the skill of an eflicient workman. Mr. Weber is also a thoroughly competent optician.

In 1894 Mr. Weber was married to Miss Lillian Bolyard, and they have had two sons, namely: Harry, who is now twenty-five years old; and Lawrence, who died in 1896, when aged seven months. The building in which Mr. Weber and his family reside was erected by his father. He has always given his political support to the republican party but has never desired any public office. He has many friends who respect him highly, and his business integrity is universally acknowledged.

Randall Orson Buck, D. O., Opth. D., a well-qualified osteopathic physician, now in practice in the City of Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio, has many professional degrees, and although his medical career was interrupted, temporarily, by patriotic service as a soldier during the recent World war, he will probably attain good success in his practice in Fulton county, for he begins well based in the science he has entered. He holds the degree of D. O., Doctor of Osteopathy, of the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Missouri; the degree of Opth. D., Doctor of Opthalmology, of the Wagoner School of Opthalmology, of Kirksville, and also the special degree of Osteopathic Technique. He was a lecturer in the latter special course at the college from which he graduated.

He was born at Bath, Summit county, Ohio, February 24, 1895, the son of Orson H. and Cora L. (Randall) Buck, well-regarded residents of that place. His genealogy shows that he comes of Scotch-Irish families, and the generations that have had residence in America have followed agriculture for the most part. Randall, as a boy, attended the elementary public school nearest to his home, and eventually entered the high school at West Richfield, Ohio, graduating from that school with the class of 1913. He had not at that time quite decided whether to take up business affairs or to try to qualify for professional life, and after having graduated from the high school he for a while worked in a clerical capacity in the offices of the Goodrich Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio. The work, however, was too confining, and he was for some time in poor health. And in order to recuperate while still following some gainful occupation he formed connection with an automobile company, acting as demonstrator for Ford cars. After a while, his health having improved, he again took up clerical work, but eventually decided to take up professional studies. In September, 1914, he became a student at the American School of Osteopathy, a leading school in that science at Kirksville, Missouri. Then followed an earnest studentship of three years, during which he assiduously followed the course which brought him into the graduating class of 1917, and gained him the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. He also concurrently applied himself to the study of opthalmology at the Wagoner School of Opthalmology at Kirksville. He graduated from that school in the same year, gaining the degree of Opth. D., Doctor of Opthalmology. His studies of osteopathy were extensive, and he attained

much distinction as a student; he gained the degree of Osteopathic Technique, and was so skilled in that branch that the faculty eventually gave him professorial duties at the college. For one semester he taught, in classes of his own, at Kirksville. For a short time after graduating he practiced osteopathy at Madison, Missouri, and after examination received license to practice in the State of Missouri. He returned, however, to his native state, and to his home town, West Richfield; took the Ohio state medical examination; and in July, 1917, received the license from the state examiners, thus being able to enter immediately into the practice of osteopathy in his home state. In August, 1917, he went to Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio, and there opened office for practice. What little practice he developed during the next six months or so convinced him that the city was a promising field for him, but at that time all was temporary and unsettled because the nation was at war, and he had registered for military duty and stood ready to close his private interests at very short notice and enter upon active miltiary service. In due course the call came, and he was enlisted in the grade of private and was ordered to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, for assignment. In that receiving camp he remained for twenty days, being temporarily assigned to the Fifty-first Company, Thirteenth Battalion, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Depot Brigade. After that time he was transferred with other troops to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, where he remained until August, 1918, gaining promotion to the grade of private, first class, and subsequently to corporal. As a medical man he was assigned to an ambulance company, and eventually, in such connection, saw much active service in France. As a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Ambulance Company, of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Sanitary Train, of the Thirty-ninth Division, he left for the port of embarkation. He was at Camp Mills, Long Island, for five days, then embarking, at Hoboken, New Jersey, on the transport "Tola", which sailed on August 21, 1918. The ship was one of a large convoy of troopships, and the trip was an exciting one. Disaster almost overtook the ship in the submarine zone at the entrance to the English Channel, the ship narrowly escaping a submarine on September 7th, a sister ship being torpedoed and beached on the Scilly Isles. The voyage ended on September 18th, when the convoy reached La Havre, France. His unit was for one day at the British rest camp at La Havre, and then was ordered to St. Florent, Department of Cher, where it was attached to the Camp Hospital No. 70. There he stayed until November 10, 1918, then going to the casual camp at St. Aignan, later going to the overflow camp at Thesee, where he was stationed until November 22, 1918. The Armistice, which was signed on November 11, 1918, of course put an end to the fighting, and the stress upon the medical branch of the service was not so great thereafter; and many of the recently-arrived units were not full employed. On November 22, 1918, Corporal Buck's unit was transferred to Cherbourg, and remained at that rest camp for four weeks, returning then to Thesee, where he remained until January 29, 1919. He was then transferred to the One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Ambulance Company, of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Sanitary Train, of the Fortieth Division. He was placed in charge of an ambulance unit, and sent to camp at Grevillers, where his unit operated twelve Ford ambulances. With that outfit he left Grevillers on January 31, 1919, and crossed France to Mars-la-Tour, where for a short time it was stationed, doing evacuation work in the sector from Briey to Toul. He was a

responsible, efficient non-commissioned officer, and later was sent on detached service, in charge of six ambulances, to the Seventh Division, stationed at Rogeville. On March 20, 1919, he took the examination at Mars-la-Tour for a sergeancy, and was approved sergeant on March 25, 1919. He did considerable traveling while in France, and after service with the Seventh Division, at Rogeville, was assigned to duty with the Second Army Provisional Sanitary Train, going to Camp Covington, Marseilles. On June 7, 1919, he embarked on the French liner "Patrie", stopped at Oran, Algiers, a French possession in Northern Africa, for four days, and eventually arrived at New York on June 22, 1919. After four days spent at Camp Merrit, New Jersey, he was sent to Camp Sherman, and on June 30, 1919, received honorable discharge from the United States Army.

Returning eventually to Wauseon, he resumed his professional practice, and has every prospect of succeeding in that city, where he is already well-regarded.

Politically Doctor Buck is an independent republican: fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the West Richfield, Ohio, Blue Lodge and to the Wauseon Eastern Star body, and Knights of Pythias. Professionally he is affiliated with many medical organizations, including membership in the Ohio Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Association. He is unmarried.

Melvin Porter, with an older brother, Ira Porter, comprises the Wauseon and Tedrow firm of Porter Brothers, merchants. They have shown themselves to be good business men, energetic and enterprising merchants and men of commendable steadiness and moral integrity since they have been in commercial life. The brothers have only recently, that is within recent years, become established in business in Wauseon, but they are gaining gratifying success in their city enterprise.

Melvin Porter was born in the ancestral homestead in Fulton county, Ohio, the son of Robert and Sarah (Andrews) Porter, his birth date being July 25, 1892. He is therefore practically at the commencement of his business career, and probably will have many decades of active life in worth-while business and public effort, if one may take his first decade of work as a criterion. He comes of a well-known Fulton county family, in fact from one of the pioneer families of the county. His grandfather, Robert Porter, came from England and settled in Clinton township, Fulton county, and applied himself resolutely to the task of clearing a tract of wild land. His industry yielded to him eventually a good agricultural property, upon which he raised his family, his son Robert, father of Melvin, among them. Robert Porter took up the tillage of his father's land, which eventually became his property. There his children, four sons and two daughters, were born. Melvin Porter is the youngest child of Robert and Sarah (Andrews) Porter, and was raised on the home farm, attending the local schools with his brothers and sisters.

He remained in school until he was about seventeen years old, thus acquiring a good academic education upon which to base a commercial career. After leaving school he entered the dry goods store of the Mercer Co-operative Company, Wauseon, with which company he remained as clerk for five years, in that time gaining a comprehensive understanding of the business. For the next four years he was a salesman in the store of Spencer and Edgar. His

home training had instilled in him commendable habits, and during his years of salaried employment he showed much strength of character, avoiding expenditures in unnecessaries, his thriftiness ultimately bringing him into the position of being able to join his brother in purchasing an established grocery business at Tedrow, Fulton county, in 1915, that store thereafter taking the trading name of Porter Brothers. During the five years of their joint operation of the Tedrow store they have substantially increased the volume of business and widened the scope so that now it is an up-to-date, well-stocked general store. In December, 1918, the brothers ventured into business in the City of Wauseon, purchasing the grocery business of H. J. Gelzer and Son. In that enterprise also the brothers have had good success, and are placed among the responsible merchants of the city and county.

Melvin Porter is a member of the Christian Church, Wauseon, and he and his wife take interested part in church and community affairs. Politically he is a republican. In 1914 he married Gladeus, daughter of Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Gabriel) Donovan, of Delta, Fulton county. They have one child, a daughter, Wandamerle.

James Grisier. The proprietor of "The Fountain Farm," adjoining Fayette in Gorham, is a French immigrant, James Grisier, having been born July 30, 1837, at Batztenia, France. He is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Vanier) Grisier, who in 1844 migrated to America, coming directly to territory now included in Fulton county. They invested in land 1½ miles northwest of Archbold, which was all in timber, and James Grisier, who relates the story, helped his father to clear it.

Mr. Grisier remembers when his father hauled wheat—twenty-five and thirty bushels being a load, to Maumee and sold it for fifty cents. At that time there was no government guarantee, and the law of supply and demand controlled the markets. Notwithstanding the price it required three days to make the trip and return from Fayette to Maumee with an ox team, and the settlers earned their money.

In June, 1864, Mr. Grisier married Catharine Miller, who came from France to the new country. She was born in 1843, near Bellford, France. She is a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Miller) Miller, and she came with her parents to Defiance by water. They arrived just before the first train was run into Archbold.

In 1873 Mr. Grisier, associated with his brother Henry, became the local repersentatives of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, their territory being Fulton county. The brother died and Mr. Grisier has continued the business, and is the oldest continuous insurance agent living today of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Grisier located on an eighty acre tract of land in Gorham, adjoining Fayette. There was only one store and one blacksmith shop in Fayette when the Grisiers came into the community. They have watched the growth of the town. In the beginning the town was called Gorham Center. The farm was in the brush and much of it under water when Mr. Grisier located on it. He later acquired forty acres more land adjoining his eighty acre farm.

"The Fountain Farm" presents a different aspect today from the time when Mr. Grisier purchased it. He has everything up-to-date, with modern buildings, ornamental shrubbery and native shade, and

the passerby is attracted by the beauty of the surroundings. While Mr. Grisier still lives at the old homestead, since 1904 he has rented the land to others. He lives there where he has so much pleasure in the surroundings, and looks back over a lifetime of industry that made his present environment a possibility.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Grisier are: Henry, who died at the age of fourteen; Eliza, wife of Frank Farnsworth, of Hillsdale, Michigan; Charles, of Wauseon; Clara, wife of Cyrus Farnsworth, of Roswell, New Mexico; Ella, wife of C. D. Haues, of Fayette, and she had a twin brother, Edward, who died July 3, 1873. Henry, the oldest son, died January 26, 1881.

Mr. Grisier had his education in the days of the log schoolhouses in Fulton county. He is a republican, and has served the community as a school director. He is a charter member of the Fayette Masonic Lodge, and he belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Charles Jerome Ives, the well-known and well-regarded senior partner of the Ives Furniture and Undertaking Company of Wauseon, has had a noteworthy career in business and public life. As a business man he has succeeded well, giving sympathetic and thorough service. And some of his public endeavors have been particularly meritorious. Especially worthy of note have been his years of active interest in the welfare and guidance into manly brotherhood of the boys of the city. He was the organizer of the Ives Boys Brotherhood, which was an active organization before the Baden-Powell Boy Scout movement had developed much strength in this country. He has also to some extent entered into public affairs, having undertook the responsibilities of clerk for Gorham township for seven years, and for two terms he was county auditor. And since he has been in the undertaking profession he has given close thought to the excellence of the company's service, taking the course and graduating from the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming at Chicago, and also taking the state examination, so that he is bringing to his practice good qualifications.

He was born in Wyandotte, Kansas, in 1873, the son of Jerome and Elizabeth (Bradley) Ives. The Ives family is of French origin, but in the maternal line Charles J. Ives is in descent from a family which for many generations has been resident in America, pioneers of Adrian, Michigan.

The family came to Fulton county not long after the birth of Charles Jerome, settling at Fayette, where the boy attended public school, and eventually took the course at the Fayette Normal School, gaining a teacher's certificate in due course. He did not, however, take up that profession, and soon after leaving normal school he entered the employ of F. L. Farnsworth, general store dealer at Fayette, Fulton county. Young Ives remained as salesman in that store for six years and after that he was for a while in Oklahoma, but returned to Fayette and resumed his old connection with the store, which, however, was then conducted by C. M. Farnsworth, a brother of his former employer. For two years he was an employe, and for a further five years was a partner, having purchased an interest in the business. He was fairly well-known throughout the county, and was a man of distinct capability and enviable personal reputation so that when he sought election to the office of county auditor he had little difficulty in securing the office and was re-elected at the end of his first term in office. All the while he continued to hold an interest in the Fayette store. In 1914 he with other well-known local people established the firm of Ives, Edgar, Knight

Company, furniture dealers and embalmers. In the following year he graduated from the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming at Chicago, and assumed the responsibility for the embalming part of the company's service. Soon afterwards Mr. Roy Pike acquired the interest of Mr. B. S. Knight, and the firm under the reorganization became known as the Ives, Pike Company, continuing as such for two years, when, because of the failing health of Mr. Pike, and of his desire to retire from the business, Mr. Ives purchased the Pike interest in January, 1918, thus becoming the principal owner. Much confidence is placed in the company, and in the quality of their service by the people of the city and county, and they have probably as much work as they can handle. And their furnishing business is also substantial so that Mr. Ives has not good reason to regret coming to Wauseon and entering into business relations with the people of Fulton county. He is today a man with many financial interests, including real estate. And he has always been more or less in public life, although his main public work has been centred in his interest in the training of boys for worthy manhood and citizenship. In 1910 he organized the Ives Boys' Brotherhood at Wauseon, gave unstintingly of his time and thought to the project, and at one time had a strong brotherhood of more than one hundred boy members. Of course the object was somewhat similar to that of the, in this day, more generally known Boy Scout organization, and it eventually, in 1914, was merged in the Boy Scouts of America organization, but to Mr. Ives is due the credit of pioneering the work of banding the boys together in loyal manly brotherhood at a time when the general public was more or less apathetic to the movement. It has been stated that Mr. Ives conceived the idea long before the Baden-Powell movement had gained strength in America, and that he had accompanied his boys on long hikes and at encampments at a time before it was to any great degree generally known. These circumstances point to the sincerity of his interest in the welfare of the rising generation, and of his desire to influence for good as many boys as he could reach. He had the pleasure of seeing twenty-six stalwart young men, members of his original boys' brotherhood, step forward at the national call to arms, ready to take the part of men in the defense of the nation. And during the decade of his association with the boys of Wauseon Mr. Ives has seen many boys step into the sterner walks of life well equipped morally and perhaps better fitted physically because of their healthy activities as members of the brotherhood in the growing years. Mr. Ives has rendered a distinct service to the boys of Wauseon. Politically he is a republican, and, as before stated herein, has to some extent taken part in administrative work. Fraternally he is identified with many orders. He is a Mason, a member of the Wauseon Blue Lodge, Defiance Commandery, the local Chapter and Council, and also to the Eastern Star body. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he belongs to the Maccabees. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic auxiliary organization. Religiously he is a Methodist, a consistent member and supporter of the local Methodist Church. Generally his life has been a creditable one, well worthy of notice in this historical work of Fulton county.

In 1899 he married Ola A., daughter of Eugene and Melissa (Sweetland) Belding, of Fayette, Fulton county, Ohio. To them have been born two children, Arline Lois and Irene Lucille.

Ernest C. Reynolds, owner of the Wauseon Monumental Works, is one of the substantial young business men of that city. His product is of high grade workmanship, and he is painstaking and reliable in the execution of the contracts placed with him. He is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, a conscientious churchman, and takes much interest in the affairs of the community. A man of superior education and of wide experience in executive matters, he is bringing to his business an ability such as enables him to keep closely in touch with the best markets of supply, and to obtain such supplies at advantageous prices, thus insuring his patrons high grade and economical service.

He was born in the Wauseon district on October 29, 1885, on the Reynolds family homestead, which is about three miles to the eastward of the city. He comes of Dutch-Irish ancestry, although the family has long been resident in America. He is the son of W. H. and Charlotte (Parks) Reynolds, the former a farmer well-known in Fulton county. As a boy Ernest C. attended the elementary school nearest to his home until he was fourteen years old, when he became a student at the Wauseon High School. He was an energetic lad, and was not yet in his teens when he was of much assistance to his father in the operation of the home farm of 100 acres. During the long summer vacations he gave practically all his time to his father, so that long before he entered high school he knew most of the main farming operations, and undertook those for which he had the strength. His high school education was obtained under difficulties, as the school was more than three miles away from his home. He drove to and from school daily for the whole of the four years he was a student thereat. He was eighteen years old when he graduated with the class of 1904. Soon afterward he took employment with Clarence Brigham, tinsmith and hardware dealer, for whom he worked for about one year. Then he went to Toledo to take the business course at the Davis Business College of that city. Eventually he graduated, and after some experience as a bookkeeper returned to Wauseon and associated with his brother, who owned the monumental works of which he, himself, is now the sole proprietor. He became conversant with the business during the year he spent with his brother, and left him to proceed to Poughkeepsie, New York, there to continue his technical schooling at the well-known Eastman Business College. After completing the business course at that college he was well fitted for most general phases of commercial management. For three years he was employed as bookkeeper by the Anchor Bolt and Nut Company, Poughkeepsie. He left the employ of that firm in 1911 and returned to Wauseon in order to join his brother in business partnership. They became equal partners in the monument works, and thereafter traded as Reynolds Brothers, Ernest taking charge of the commercial affairs of the partnership. The brothers extended their operations, opened branches at Leipsic, Ohio, and Paulding Centre, Ohio, to good advantage. Eventually Ernest sold his interest in the Paulding establishment to his brother, and purchased the interest of his brother in the Wauseon works. The partnership was thus dissolved, and Ernest C. Reynolds has since been sole owner of the Wauseon business.

He is a man of distinct business ability, and has entered interestedly into some of the public movements in Wauseon, which might almost be considered to be his home town, and has, unostentatiously, given support to many local charities. He is a man of independent politics, is a staunch Methodist member of the local Methodist

Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Knights of Pythias fraternal orders.

On April 14, 1914, he married Sarah, daughter of Charles and Maude (Hannaman) Hardisty, of West Unity, Williams county, Ohio.

George Davis Green, retired merchant and for more than fifty years a responsible citizen of Wauseon, Ohio, has for many years been prominent in business and financial circles of that place. He was successful in business, and was mainly instrumental in founding the Peoples State Bank of Wauseon, of which he has been a director since its establishment. He is well-regarded in the city and vicinity, having lived an estimable life, in which has been much unostentatious public work.

He was born in 1842, in Medina, Lenawee county, Michigan, the son of Noah and Eliza (Baldwin) Green. The Green family is of Massachusetts American descent, and of English origin. Many generations of the family lived in Massachusetts, but Noah Green, with the sturdy spirit of the typical American pioneer, took his few belongings with him in 1834 and drove his wagon into the wilderness, settling in that part of Michigan now cleared and valuable land, but at that time wild and undeveloped property. He experienced the privations of the average pioneer, but eventually cleared a tract of land in Medina, where he settled his family and where his son George D. was born seven years later. In the healthy but rigorous conditions of that part of the country in that early day the boy was reared, and, as he grew, George D. took good part in the laborious work of development. Eventually the family possessed a good holding, and conditions were more comfortable. In December, 1865, George D. came to Wauseon, and for four years thereafter was a clerk in the general store of Eager and Green. In 1869 he went into independent business in Wauseon, and continued successfully in general merchandising business for many years. In 1889 he was the prime mover in the organization of the People's Bank, of which he has been a director since its foundation, and which after a successful period of private banking was made a state bank in 1906. Much of the success the bank has gained has been due to the careful and conservative administration of its affairs by level-headed, reliable business men such as is Mr. Green. He gave much of his time to the affairs of the bank, and has been steadfastly continued as a director year by year. Excepting for his banking connection Mr. Green has practically retired from business associations.

He has been a loyal republican practically throughout his voting years. His first presidential vote was cast in the election which gave President Lincoln his second term and in the subsequent political campaigns Mr. Green is able to recall many interesting experiences and incidents. He has been prominent in the functioning of local branches of the Masonic Order, being a Mason of the thirty-second degree. He belongs to the Warren Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and to No. 7 Commandery. Religiously he is a Congregationalist, for very many years having been a member of the Wauseon Congregational Church.

In 1880 he married Maria Louise Sheldon, of Litchfield, Hillsdale county, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Green have very many sincere friends in Wauseon, in which they have lived for so many years.

Ward A. Robinson is a native of Wauseon, Ohio, born in 1890, the son of J. C. and Mathilda (Smith) Robinson, who owned a farm near Wauseon. He was educated in the country school nearest to his home, after passing through the grades of which he for two years attended the high school at Wauseon. He of course had long before that time taken some part in the minor tasks of his father's farm, and after leaving school he remained at farming occupations until he had reached the age of eighteen years, when he entered the Wauseon plant of the Van Camp Packing Company, with which company he remained for eighteen months. Then, in 1910, notwithstanding that he was still a minor, he with commendable enterprise ventured into the business in which he has since continued, which means that he has shown himself to be a man of good business ability, for he has succeeded well in that business. His ten years of independent business have been marked by praiseworthy steadiness and stability of purpose, and by a persistent application to the labors, physical and mental, demanded by such business responsibility. That he was a man of optimism and pluck is also evident, when one knows that at the time he resolved to enter independent business he had as business capital only forty dollars. Under the circumstances his success has been quite commendable, and he may safely be classed among the worth-while citizens of Wauseon.

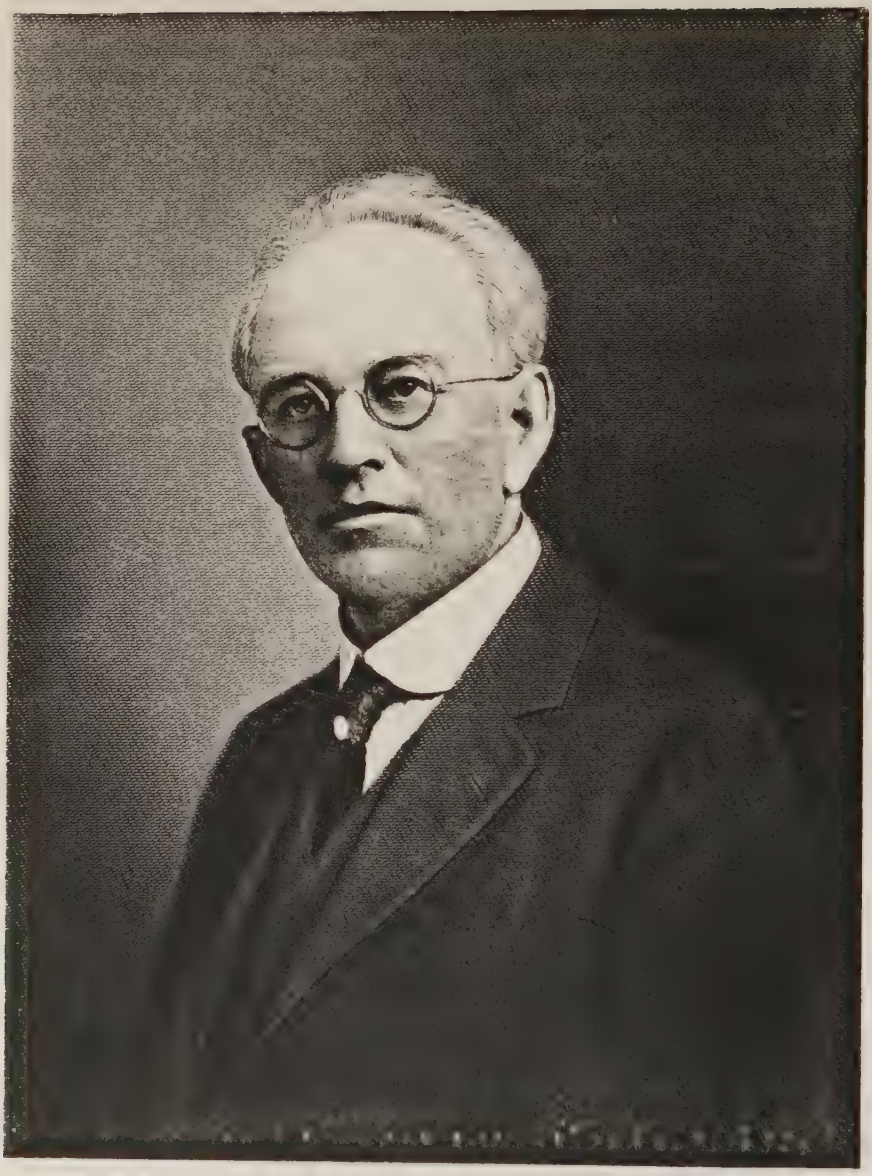
Politically he has been independently inclined. At least he was during the progress of the war and he has more than once shown sincere public spirit, contributing freely to what he has considered to be worthy local undertakings.

In 1916 he married Libbie L., daughter of Jacob B. Lee, of Wauseon. They have two children, Elizabeth Ellen, and Robert L., the latter born on January 23, 1919.

Frank S. Ham, attorney-at-law at Wauseon, is a member of a family long distinguished for the number of professional men it gave to the country, and he is a son of Judge Thomas F. and Charlotta A. (Scudder) Ham. The stock is of English and Welsh extraction, and originated when four brothers came to this country from England and located at Bethany, Pennsylvania, the grandfather of Frank S. Ham, John C. Ham, being one of them. Frank S. Ham has two brothers and one sister.

After attending the public and normal schools at Wauseon, Frank S. Ham studied law by himself, and, passing his examinations was admitted to the bar in 1905, having an incentive in his work in his father's example. After being admitted to practice in the State and Federal Courts Mr. Ham began specializing in corporation law, and is now the attorney for five railroads, the New York Central, the Wabash, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, Toledo & Indiana, and the Toledo & Western. While he is considered an authority on corporation and railroad law, Mr. Ham is equally qualified for criminal practice and became famous for his work as special attorney for the state in the celebrated first degree murder case of Fred Leyman. Mr. Ham prepared the case, the trial of which consumed five weeks, and secured a conviction. It is safe to declare that Mr. Ham is easily the leading attorney of Fulton county, and his services are often requested in cases of state and national importance. As a relaxation from his professional duties Mr. Ham owns and supervises a magnificent farm of 320 acres in Swan Creek township.

In 1889 Mr. Ham was united in marriage with Clementine Mat-



Frank S Hamm

Residence of Frank S. Ham, Wauseon, Ohio. Mr. Ham and his son, Charles F., now deceased, appear in foreground.

tison, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Frazier) Mattison, and they had three children, namely: Joseph Mattison, who was born in 1891, is married and lives at Wauseon; Margaret H., who is Mrs. McDermott, of Wauseon, and Thomas Howard, who was born in 1897. Mrs. Ham died in 1898. Mr. Ham married for his second wife, Alice E. Hinkle, also deceased, a daughter of Charles and Lydia Hinkle.

In politics Mr. Ham is a republican, but in 1915 he was selected as the independent, non-partisan candidate for the office of judge, and ran a close second against the organization candidate. Having always been a close student of English literature, Mr. Ham has developed into a pleasing writer of both prose and poetry, and a forceful speaker, and is in great demand as an orator on occasions of moment. During the late war he rendered very effective service as one of the speakers on the Liberty Loan and war work contributions, and belonged to the National Bureau of Speakers for Ohio and Pennsylvania. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Maccabees of Wauseon.

Mr. Ham never makes any argument in court without displaying his habits of thinking, resorting at once to some well founded principles of law, and drawing his deductions logically from his premises. Law is always treated by him as a science, founded on established principles. He has risen to his present height in his profession by his profound penetration, his power of analysis, the comprehensive grasp and strength of his understanding, and the firmness, frankness and integrity of his character. Mr. Ham has an overwhelming share of the corporation law business of this part of the state, and deservedly so. No one who has ever heard him present his case can fail to be impressed with the reasoning powers, the intensity and sagacity with which he pursued his investigations, his piercing criticisms, his masterly analysis, and the energy and fervor of his appeals to the judgment and conscience of the tribunal he was addressing.

His studies and researches have made Mr. Ham a profound believer in the liberties of the people being steadfastly upheld, and he has always shown himself to be one of the most enlightened, intrepid and preserving friends to the commercial prosperity of the country. His interests are many and varied, his enthusiasms unbounded, and he is a man who always carries out successfully anything he undertakes. His connection with any movement insures its ultimate satisfactory termination, and he is recognized as one of the strongest factors in public affairs in this part of Ohio.

It is an axiom of his that nature is man's best and most indulgent friend; and, for what little may be, even grudgingly, given her, she in return gives lavishly of rare gifts of beauty and splendor—pleasing to the eye—restful to the soul—and lulling into peaceful repose the tired mind.

He is an ardent lover of both rod and gun, and his home (shown on an adjoining page) is occupying a site on one of Wauseon's principal streets, yet is surrounded by spacious grounds abounding with fruits, berries and flowering plants and shrubs. He speaks of shrubs, peonies, roses, etc., in terms of hundreds, and of bulbous plants (tulips, etc.), in thousands. His peony garden is one of the largest private plantings in this section.

Glenn V. Soule, owner of a substantial wholesale dairy produce business in the City of Wauseon, Ohio, and known through that

section of Ohio as an extensive buyer, is one of the leading business men of the city.

He was born in Waterloo, Indiana, January 22, 1885, the son of Darwin and Margaret (Hodge) Soule. He comes of an ancient English family, although three generations of the branch to which he belongs have had American residence, his grandfather, George Soule, being among the pioneer settlers in Michigan. Darwin Soule, father of Glenn V., was born in Michigan, and eventually went into Indiana, settling on a farm near Waterloo in that state. There the family lived, and there Glenn V. was born. The latter as a boy attended the local public schools, but at the age of fifteen years began to work, taking minor capacity in the office of a Waterloo, Indiana, produce dealer. He remained so employed for seven years, acting as buyer for some time. After a period as foreman of a plant he came to Wauseon. That was in 1907. For the next five years he was in the employ of Jones Brothers, local produce dealers, as assistant manager. In 1912 he entered into independent business, at 115 West Elm street, Wauseon, and in a short time developed a substantial business, buying eggs, poultry and butter from producers within a radius of ten miles, and shipping to markets in New York City and elsewhere. During his years of trading in Wauseon he has steadily prospered and is today a man of assured business stability. He has several other financial interests, and is a stockholder in a well-known Detroit commission house, the L. R. Jones Company of that city. His two plants in Wauseon give indication of the extent of his trading. His storage house on the railroad siding has capacity for 10,000 pounds, and his shipments of recent years have been exceptionally heavy.

During the war he manifested worthy qualities as a citizen, supporting the various war loans to the limit of his resources, and in many ways he has proved his interest in the city wherein he has centered his business. Politically he is a republican; fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Wauseon Blue Lodge and the local Chapter. He is generally recognized as one of Wauseon's responsible and representative citizens. He married into a Wauseon family, his wife, Otha, being the daughter of E. C. and Ellen (Benner) Sullinger. The marriage took place in Wauseon in 1914.

Samuel Ruppert, successor to the business of Christopher Domitio, and, more recently, Domitio and Ruppert, well-known Wauseon, Ohio, firm of clothiers, haberdashers and custom tailors, comes of one of the oldest families of Fulton county, and has lived almost all his life in Wauseon and its environs.

He was born April 6, 1862, in the old Ruppert homestead near Wauseon, the son of John Adam and Elizabeth (Lilich) Ruppert, and grandson of Henry Ruppert, one of the pioneers of Fulton county. The family is of German origin, but for four generations has been resident in the United States, Samuel Ruppert's great-grandfather, who was born in Germany, having settled in Pennsylvania. His son Henry, grandfather of Samuel, was a man of superior education, and to some extent followed an academic life. He was for some years a school teacher, but for the greater part of his life was a farmer and pioneer. He came with his ox team across the country and settled upon a tract of wild land on Turkey Fort Creek, about three miles southeast of Wauseon. There he spent the rest of his life, and raised a family of five children, among them John A., father of Samuel. John A. Ruppert farmed the family land for

the greater part of his life, and raised his family of eight children thereon. Samuel was the fourth born. He attended the public school nearest to his home, helping his father in the working of the farm during the summer vacations and attending school regularly during the winter months. He also attended school near Blissfield, Michigan, for one year, living with his cousin, Mrs. Daniel Palmer, at that place during the period. After closing his schooling he returned home and steadily assisted his father in the operation of the farm until he had reached the age of nineteen years, when, in 1881, he came to Wauseon, resolved to learn the tailoring trade. He entered the shop of Christopher Domitio, in whose employ he remained for fourteen years, becoming an expert tailor. For ten years he worked for Charles Yeager, a tailor of Wauseon, and then, his wife having died without issue, he went to Toledo and there for one year worked for Cornelius Vermass, a tailor of that city. Returning to Wauseon in July, 1907, he and William C. Domitio, nephew of Christopher Domitio, formed a business partnership and acquired the business of Christopher, who was desirous of retiring from business. The partners had substantial success in business, materially expanding it until it conducted a most satisfactory volume within a radius of fifteen miles of Wauseon. In February, 1920, Samuel Ruppert purchased the interest of his partner and he is now sole owner of the business. He today has a good place among the substantial business men of Wauseon, and is widely known throughout the county.

Samuel Ruppert is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically is a republican. He has been somewhat prominently identified with the functioning of the local lodge of the order of Knights of Pythias, having been vice chancellor of that organization. He has applied himself steadily to business in Wauseon for the greater part of his business life, and during the period has upon many occasions shown a generous interest in the affairs of the community, and has always been a responsible citizen. He was one of the first members of the organization which became the Booster Club and more recently the Commercial Club of Wauseon.

He has been twice married, first, in 1888, to Agnes D., daughter of John B. and Christianna (Lautenslager) Segrist of Wauseon. She died in 1904. He was subsequently married to Carrie, daughter of Frank and Anna E. (Wolverton) Houseman, of Swanton, Fulton county, the second marriage taking place October 14, 1907, three years after the demise of his first wife. Frank Houseman was born in Erie county and served in the Civil war. He located in Swanton, Fulton county, and in July, 1870, was employed by the L. S. & M. S. Railroad Company. Four years later he entered business for himself as a grocer, and continued in that line until his demise in 1888. Mrs. Houseman was born in 1844 in Lodi, Seneca county, New York, of English parentage. They came to Sandusky, Ohio, in 1846.

Ed Scott, vice president, director and one of the stockholders of Brigham, Guilford & Company, owners of a large department store business in Wauseon, Ohio, is a well-known man of that place. He has had good part in the business and public activities of that place, is well-regarded in the district, and was twice elected to the office of county clerk.

He was born at the family homestead in Richland county, Ohio, in 1867, the son of W. C. and Jennie (Stewart) Scott, his lineage

connecting with families of Scottish and Scotch-Irish ancestry, although the branch to which he belongs has been resident in America for many generations, and his forebears are among the pioneer settlers in Eastern Ohio, where they generally took to the customary pioneering and later agricultural pursuits. Ed Scott has spent practically the whole of his life in Wauseon, for he was not much more than three years old when his parents moved to the city from Richland county. Ed received all his academic education in the public schools of Wauseon, and during his later years of schooling worked on Saturdays and during vacations as grocer-boy for W. A. Wilson, his services commanding a daily pay of twenty-five cents. When he finally left school he worked for two years as delivery boy for Charles Schwartz, successor to W. A. Wilson, afterward, for two years, associating with his father in the sale of agricultural implements. Then, with commendable confidence and self-reliance, he ventured into independent business in partnership with Harry Downs, of Wauseon, the partners trading as Scott and Downs. He was then scarcely twenty years old, and although the partnership was dissolved within a year, it gives an indication of the aggressive, optimistic trend of the boy's character. From 1887 until 1892 young Scott was in California, where he worked for commission houses, and for some time ranched in San Diego county, eventually managing a hay and fruit farm in that section. In July, 1892, he returned to Wauseon, and for a while effectively sold insurance. Later he entered the employ of the Lake Shore Railway Company, but eventually he became a salesman in the hardware store of C. E. Brigham. In 1904 he was elected county clerk for a three-year term, in the republican interest, and his standing in the district, as well as his efficiency in public office, may be gauged by the fact that he was re-elected in 1907. In the following year he aided in the organization of the firm of Brigham, Guilford & Company, a corporate concern capitalized at $60,000, to conduct a department store business in Wauseon. Mr. Scott was one of the stockholders, was elected vice president, and when the company became established in business he had completed his term in office, so he at once devoted his whole time to the management of the shoe department of the new store, which responsibility he still holds in connection with that business. The partners, Messrs. Brigham, Guilford, Palmer, Scott, and Dalrymple, were all men of sound business ability and extensive experience, and were thus able to guide the business into an enviable condition of stability.

Mr. Scott considers Wauseon to be, to all intents and purposes, his native place, and has always keenly followed its progress. He has throughout his life taken pride in the city, and during his more responsible later years has co-operated effectively in public work. He is among the business leaders of the place, and has held staunchly to the republican party in national politics. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Wauseon Blue Lodge.

He married Jessie, daughter of Mrs. Addie (Hough) Demeritt, of Wauseon, the marriage taking place in 1893. They have no children, but gave parental affection to four children, Mavina, Nelsie, Pauline and Sally Stone, whom, when orphaned, Mr. and Mrs. Scott took into their home and reared as though they were their own daughters. Bereavement came to them when Pauline died in February, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have many life-long friends in Wauseon, are generally well-liked, and esteemed as good neighbors and charitably-disposed citizens.

EUGENE BUTTERMORE, senior partner of the firm of Weber and Buttermore, wholesale and retail bakers of Wauseon, Ohio, is a young and enterprising business man of that city, and good business success has come to him and his partner, Harry Clyde Weber, a well-known Wauseon young man. Both partners were in the federal service during the war, Buttermore in the naval forces and Weber in the army.

Eugene Buttermore was born in Miller City, Putnam county, Ohio, in 1894, the son of John and Rebecca (Laffever) Buttermore. He attended the public school at Leipsic, Ohio, until he had passed the eighth grade, and then, being at that time about fifteen years old he was apprenticed to his brother, a baker of Leipsic, Eugene having worked for him during prior vacations. As a journeyman baker, Eugene spent short periods with many bakers during the next few years, and was seventeen years old when he came to Wauseon to work as baker for Gorsuch and Clark, with which firm he remained for six years. He was a young man of strong character, industrious and steady, and during the twelve years or so of service had steadily saved some of his earning, so that when in 1919 an opportunity came to enter into independent business he was financially able to grasp it. He formed a partnership with a friend, Harry C. Weber, and soon became well established in business at their present location as wholesale and retail bakers, trading under their joint names and developing a good city and country trade. Before reaching that degree of business stability, however, some other events of importance to himself had happened to him. He had married in 1914, but the trend of the war into which the country entered in 1917 had its influence upon him, and he had to temporarily leave home and take service in the national fighting forces. He enlisted on June 27, 1918, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the United States Navy. He was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station, where he served until the end of the war, being honorably discharged in December, 1918, soon after which release he returned to Wauseon and joined Harry Weber in purchasing the bakery business they now own. The energetic young partners have steadily gone forward, giving good service and manifesting commendable enterprise and industry.

Eugene Buttermore married in 1914 Ilo Yarnell, daughter of Grant and Charlotte (Hartman) Yarnell, of Wauseon. Mr. and Mrs. Buttermore enter to some extent into the social life of the community, having many friends. Politically he is a republican. He is a member with his wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wauseon, and has been identified with the functioning of the local branch of the Knights of Pythias order. It may be said generally of him that he has been applying himself to his business affairs with such steadiness as to warrant the belief that he will succeed well in life.

SIMON RYCHENER is one of the largest dealers in wool, seed and live stock in the State of Ohio, and is widely known throughout his home county, Fulton county. He is a native of Pettisville, has made Pettisville the headquarters for his extensive trading for twenty-seven years, and has an enviable reputation in that place. He is identified with the Pettisville Grain Company, the elevator belonging to which company has a capacity for 18,000 bushels, and he is a stockholder and director of the Pettisville Savings Bank.

His family has a definite place in the history of Fulton county. The Rychener family, originally from Switzerland, is among the

pioneer families of that section of the state. Christian Rychener, the pioneer, crossed from Wayne county through the wilderness to German township, Fulton county, and was one of the first to settle and begin to clear land in that township. His marriage has historic interest, in the fact that it was the first to be solemnized in German township, that is, the first in which white people were the principals. Since that time the Rychener family, in its many descendants, has had prominent part in the industrial and public life of many Fulton county communities.

Simon Rychener was born in Pettisville, Ohio, in 1873, the son of John and Anna Rychener. He was unfortunate in losing his father early in his life, Simon being only four years old when his father died, which misfortune much altered the boy's prospects. He was only able to obtain a country school education, and that amounted to practically only the winters spent in school, for during the growing season he helped his uncle, who had adopted him, in the operation of the latter's farm. Thus he passed his life until he had reached his sixteenth year, when his schooling ended altogether, and for the next two or three years he stayed on the farm, giving his labor in exchange of board and clothing. When he was eighteen years old he returned to his native place, Pettisville, where he made his home with his mother and found good work as section man on the New York Central Railroad. He remained so employed for two years, being very provident, and accumulating as much of his earnings as he possibly could. And at the end of the two years of railroad work he found himself possessed of sufficient capital to venture into independent business as a butcher. His beginning was inauspicious, but he was a man of good poise, and went to the extent of trading his limited capital would permit him to undertake, but during the next ten years his little butchering business in Pettisville grew to such dimensions that he had to close his connection with retail butchering and devote his time to the larger affairs of his wholesale trade in live stock. He had been in partnership with Fred Bennett, a well-known local man, and their trading in cattle and hogs had been extensive, but in 1903 the firm of Rychener and Bennett ceased to operate the retail butchering business in Pettisville, the partners selling that business and dissolving partnership. From that time Mr. Rychener has been alone in business, which with the years has assumed very substantial proportions and wide scope. He trades in wool, seed and live stock, buying extensively and shipping all over the country under his own name. Needless to say, the trading has been materially to his advantage, the volume of business bringing him substantial return, so that as the years have passed and his capital has increased he has seen fit to enter into other enterprises of industrial and financial character. He is closely identified with the Pettisville Grain Company, which does an extensive elevator business, and he was one of the organizers of the Pettisville Savings Bank, of which he is a stockholder and director. And among his other interests is a good farming property. Altogether he has had notable success in business.

Personally he is respected in his home district. He has lived a steady, honorable life; and has shown a readiness to support any project that has for its object the welfare of the community. Politically he is an independent republican, but has not manifested any desire for political office.

In 1894 he married Mary, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Roth) Krieger, of near Pettisville. They have three children: Herma, who

married George Sherer, of Waterville, Ohio, and has one child, a daughter, Thelma; Orville Samuel, who was born in 1903; and Thelma Henrietta.

William John Weber, cashier of the Pettisville Savings Bank, Pettisville Ohio, is one of the consequential men of affairs of that community. His life record stamps him as a man of wide knowledge, of unblemished character, of commendable public spirit, and of definite and pronounced executive, organizing and administrative ability. He has been an educator, an agricultural and industrial company organizer and manager, and a financier and banker of enviable repute. He is part owner of the Pettisville Grain Company, was one of the founders of the Pettisville Savings Bank, has membership in two Ohio State Bankers' Associations, was the organizer and is sole owner of the Pettisville Electric Light Company, and among his other interests has a good farming property. So that he is a man of consequential business and financial affairs. And his public record has been equally notable, especially in educational activities. He is president of the Fulton county Board of Education, and holds similar office in the deliberations of the Pettisville School Board.

He was born on the family homestead in Clinton township, Fulton county, in 1873, the son of John and Margaret (Fink) Weber. The family has long had residence in Ohio, and for many decades has been in Fulton county. William J. was educated in the Pettisville public school, after passing through which he went to the Fayette Normal School in order to qualify for entry into the teaching profession. For five years he taught in schools of Clinton and German townships, teaching during the school period and farming for himself during the long summer vacations. The latter occupation was not a strange one to him, as having been born and raised on a farm he had necessarily became conversant with most operations of agricultural life. He was also a man of good business instinct, as was shown by his enterprise in joining with G. D. Wyse and J. S. Rychener, two well-known Pettisville young men, in the organization of the Pettisville Grain Company. Of that prosperous concern Mr. Weber acted for twelve years as manager, and still holds a one-third interest in the company, the property of which includes a grain elevator with capacity of 15,000 bushels. As an organizer, however, Mr. Weber perhaps came most prominently before the people of the county when he, with nine other substantial business people of Pettisville and Wauseon, founded the Pettisville Savings Bank, of which he has been vice-president or cashier since its establishment. The bank is one of the strong finacial institutions of the county, and of course much of its stability must be attributed to Mr. Weber's skill as a banker, and to his comprehensive understanding of finance. The bank owns a fine building, has deposits of $230,000, and resources of $200,000. By reason of this banking connection Mr. Weber is a member of the Ohio Bankers' Association, and also belongs to the Ohio Private Bankers' Association.

In 1917 he ventured into the automobile business, establishing a service station, garage and a general business in auto supplies and accessories in Pettisville, and later he sold that business to some advantage. Then another of his business enterprises was the organization in 1915 of the Pettisville Electric Light Company. That company, of which Mr. Weber is sole owner, furnishes light and power to Pettisville and vicinity.

Mr. Weber has taken proper and creditable part in the administrative responsibilities of the community. As a former educator it was but proper that he should lean more closely in his public endeavor to matters connected with the educational welfare of the community than to other phases of the public administration. He is especially honored among the educational administrators in Fulton county, being president of the County Board of Education. He is also president of the Pettisville School Board. Personally, he is a man of strong personality and praiseworthy private life, and in his home community is generally well regarded.

In 1898 Mr. Weber married Mary, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Freyenberger) Rupp, of Clinton township, Fulton county. They have two children, sons, Aurelius Christian, who was born in 1900, graduated from the Wauseon High School, and entered the Ohio State University Training Camp. He took the engineering course at the university, and is now taking the same course at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. Maurice Eugene was born in 1912.

Harvey Henry Rychener, owner of a substantial business in automobile supplies and repairing at Pettisville, Ohio, is a native of Fulton county, and comes of a family well known in that part of Ohio. He does a consequential business in tires and other automobile accessories, as well as in auto repairs.

He was born in German township, Fulton county, on June 1, 1881, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stutzman) Rychener. His early life was spent on the home farm, and in due course he went to school, attending the public school of District No. 1 of Fulton county. He continued attendance at school until he was nineteen years old, and concurrently, or rather during the long summer vacations, did much work upon his father's farm. After leaving school he settled down industriously to the affairs of the home farm, and did not leave home until 1916, being then thirty-five years old. For the greater part of his young manhood he had taken upon himself the greater part of the burdensome work of the family property, and eventually bought the farm from his father, thus permitting the latter to pass his declining years in comfort. Harvey H. prospered well by his farming, and in 1916 formed business association with William Weber, the partners building and organizing an auto sales room and garage on Main street, Pettisville, and entering energetically into the automobile business. They secured some good agencies, and being good salesmen, energetic, enterprising and of good repute, they were not long in establishing a satisfactory business. The partnership continued to mutual advantage for three years, when, on January 1, 1919, Mr. Weber sold his interest to Mr. Ervin Lantz, the firm name changing from that of Weber & Rychener to that of Rychener & Lantz. Some months later Mr. Rychener purchased the interest of his partner and has since conducted the business as the sole proprietor. With the agencies for the Nash and Dort cars, with a good repair service station, and with a comprehensive line of automobile supplies he is equipped to do a substantial business.

Personally Mr. Rychener is a man of strong, steady characteristics, of fine moral and material integrity, of commendable industry and of praiseworthy private life. He has the characteristics of so many other men of that section of Fulton county, sons of pioneers, and with much of the strength of purpose of the pioneers. He is a

good churchman, has always endeavored to act honestly by his neighbor, and has always been ready to give support to church and community undertakings.

In 1907 he married Sarah, daughter of J. Nafziger, of Hickory county, Missouri, and to them have been born three children: Dorothy F., Elden Erwin, and Glen. Politcally Mr. Rychener is an independent.

Fred H. Wolf, judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Fulton county, was born at Bluffton, Indiana, on March 28, 1870, a son of William B. and Martha (Hawker) Wolf. The Wolf family has been located in the United States for many generations.

Fred H. Wolf attended the common schools of Shelby county, Ohio, and a commercial college at Gilboa, Putnam county, Ohio, and then studied law in the office of Bailey & Bailey at Ottawa, Ohio. He was then appointed court stenographer for the district embracing Putnam, Henry and Fulton counties, and held that position for six years, and following that became stenographer for Attorney-General Sheets at Columbus, Ohio. His record in these positons attracted the attention of those in authority and he was appointed official stenographer to the Supreme Court of Ohio at Columbus, Ohio, and held that office for two years. In the meanwhile, during 1900, he had been admitted to the bar, and in 1904 he came to Fulton county and embarked in a general law practice with C. C. Handy under the name of Handy & Wolf, which connection was maintained for seven years. In November, 1905, Mr. Wolf was elected prosecuting attorney on the republican ticket, and was re-elected to the office, holding one three and one two-year term. With the dissolution of the firm of Handy & Wolf, Mr. Wolf continued in practice alone until 1915, when he was elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and is still ocupying this office.

During the late war Judge Wolf was exceedingly active and was chairman of the Red Cross campaign in 1917, and was chairman of the executive committee of the War Chest drive. He belongs to Wauseon Lodge No. 349, A. F. and A. M., and is a past master of it, and he is a thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite. Judge Wolf is also a member of Wauseon Lodge, K. of P. In his religious connections he affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has long been a member.

Judge Wolf was married to Lillian A. Eastman, a daughter of E. R. and Ellen (Parrett) Eastman, of Ottawa, Ohio, on June 28, 1900. Judge and Mrs. Wolf have two children, namely: Eleanor E. and Frederick E.

The record of Judge Wolf is one that proves that real merit and conscientious performance of the duty that lies at hand meet with commensurate reward. While learning the fundamentals of law he discharged the exhausting tasks of a court stenographer and through them gained an intimate knowledge of jurisprudence which has the better fitted him to preside on the bench. As a prosecuting attorney he exhibited an unusual fearlessness in handling the problems of his office, and in every way he has risen to each increasing responsibility and justified the faith others have always placed in him and his capabilities.

Clyde Lawrence Canfield. It is a laudable ambition that induces sincere workers in any profession to seek honorable advancement in the same. Not every one succeeds equally, for all are not

willing to make the necessary strenuous effort or undergo the self-denial that so often the price of progress demands. One of the prominent men of Fulton county, who has won distinction in the law, is Clyde Lawrence Canfield, who early made choice of his future career and by determined personal effort reached the goal of his ambition.

Clyde L. Canfield was born in Fulton county, Ohio, August 19, 1879, and is a son of Edward T. and Mary (Bryarly) Canfield. On both sides of the family his ancestry is English, and his forefathers settled in the American colonies before the Revolutionary war, in which has great-great-grandfather, Daniel Canfield, took part as a soldier in the Continental Army. The family in the main, however, has been one of peaceful pursuits, each succeeding generation producing its full quota of both professional and business men, all of whom have been definitely and distinctively loyal and patriotic upholders of American principles. For many years the father of Mr. Canfield owned and operated lumber mills in Fulton county, and is still active in business affairs at Pettisville, Ohio.

Mr. Canfield's early educational advantages were those obtainable in the country school of Dover township. He applied himself assiduously and before he reached manhood was deemed proficient enough to be aceptable as a teacher in the country schools. He was anxious to teach because he had a college career in prospect and knew that funds for the same would have to be provided by himself. It was to the law he was looking forward, and with this goal in view he spent several years in the country schools in Franklin and Clinton townships, very often numbering among his pupils young men older than himself. Such also was the experience of other self-dependent young men, an example being Governor Lowden, of Illinois, who has declared the discipline of those years was invaluable. In 1900 he entered the Ohio Northern University, from which he was graduated in 1904, with the degree of B. S., when he resumed teaching, spending one year in the schools of Clinton township and two years as principal of the Tedrow village school.

In the meanwhile Mr. Canfield had devoted all his leisure to the private study of law, and in the summer schools of 1905-6-7 he was a student at Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, during 1908 taking the regular law course, and in that year was graduated with his well won degree of LL. B. To enter upon the practice of his profession he went to Toledo, where he became junior partner in the law firm of Smith, Myers & Canfield, three years later the firm becoming Neilson & Canfield. Failing health caused Mr. Canfield to withdraw, and he then spent two years recuperating in the genial climate of Louisiana, spending two years on a plantation in LaFourche Parish. He returned then to the old home at Pettisville, and in January, 1917, formed a law partnership with Charles T. Stahl, under the style of Stahl & Canfield, which continued until July, 1918, when Mr. Canfield became a member of the firm of Paxson & Canfield. In 1918 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Fulton county, his democratic opponent being Fred B. Fowler. Mr. Canfield was elected by a handsome majority, carrying all but two of the precincts, and in the administration of his office has justified the confidence reposed in him, in a number of especially notable cases proving so admirable a prosecutor that the ends of justice were entirely served.

During the continuance of the great war Mr. Canfield's interest never flagged, and both time and resources were expended in behalf of the Red Cross and other patriotic movements. He served as secretary of the Civilian Relief Committee of the Red Cross, better

known as the Home Service Committee, and was a member of the Legal Advisory Board of the selective draft. He has been extremely active in republican politics in Fulton county and wields wide influence. He belongs to Wauseon Lodge, F. and A. M., Tedrow Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. Of proved sterling character, exceptional talent in his profession, vigorous American citizenship and genial personality, Mr. Canfield is held in high esteem in his native county and state.

CARL F. ORTH. It is probable that few men are ever elected to the responsible office of county treasurer without having a background of business ability and personal integrity. The far-sighted people of Fulton county had this background in view when they elected Carl F. Orth to this position.

Carl F. Orth was born at Wauseon, Ohio, in October, 1881, and is a son of Adam and Mattie (Kellar) Orth. The paternal grandfather, Rev. William Orth, was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany. When he came to the United States he located first in Coshocton county, Ohio, where he was a minister of the United Bretheren faith, and later came with his son Adam to Wauseon. Here Adam Orth was a dry goods merchant for many years, an honorable and respected man. His death occurred May 2, 1899. The mother of Carl F. Orth survives and resides at Toledo, Ohio.

Primarily educated in the common schools, Carl F. Orth spent three years in the Wauseon High School and three more in Kenyon Military Academy at Gambier. He then turned his attention to the study of law, spent one year in the Western Reserve Law School at Cleveland, then went to Seattle, Washington, where he embarked in the real estate business and in 1901 was admitted to the bar. He engaged there in the practice of law for two years, but in 1903 returned to Wauseon, where he found an encouraging opening in the insurance business. Purchasing the business of A. R. Townelle, he developed a large business in both life and fire insurance, becoming representative of such old line companies as the following: National Liberty Fire, Milwaukee Mechanics Fire, W. W. National Fire, United States Fire, Northern Insurance of New York, Globe Insurance of Pittsburgh, Superior Fire of Pittsburgh, Allemania Fire and Travelers Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. In all business relations, covering many years, Mr. Orth has proved just and trustworthy.

On January 2, 1911, Mr. Orth was united in marriage to Miss Edna Cochran, who is a daughter of F. W. and Anna (Fox) Cochran, of Wauseon. Mr. and Mrs. Orth have two children, namely: Carl Frederick, who was born in 1913, and William Marvin, who was born in 1918.

For a number of years Mr. Orth has been quite active in public affairs at Wauseon and a leader in republican political circles. In 1914 he was elected city clerk, serving two years, and in 1916 became a member for two years of the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs, and in 1918 was made secretary of the Fulton County Fair Board. He has been a member of the School Board since 1917. To the duties of these offices he applies himself with the same scrupulous care that he gave to his private business matters, the same careful attitude marking his administration as county treasurer, to which office he was elected in 1918. He is ever ready to encourage business enterprises of worth and is a stockholder in the Home Telephone Company at Wauseon. Personally he is genial and hearty in manner and is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias at Wauseon.

Edward Harvey Jordan. During an extended and diversified career Edward Harvey Jordan's activities have invaded several fields of endeavor, in all of which he has displayed ability and enterprise. He has been successful as a merchant, has always been rated high as a public-spirited citizen, and in his present position as assistant postmaster of Wauseon has rendered excellent and efficient public service to the people of this thriving and growing city.

Mr. Jordan was born on a farm in Lenawee county, Michigan, July 31, 1871, a son of George W. and Sarah (Aldrich) Jordan. He comes of an old New England family which was known and honored for a number of generations in Vermont, from which state George W. Jordan migrated to Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his active career as a Lenawee county farmer. Edward H. Jordan secured his education in the public schools of that county and in Fulton county, Ohio, and at the age of twenty-one started to learn the baker's business at Wauseon. This he followed with a gratifying degree of success for nine years, at end of which period he turned his attention to the trade of carpenter, and this he followed for two years. While thus employed he came into connection with the lumber and supply business, and he finally became associated with the Wauseon Lumber and Supply Company for four years. In 1908 he accepted his present position as assistant postmaster of Wauseon, a post which he has since filled with marked efficiency and fidelity.

In 1891 Mr. Jordan was united in marriage with Miss Millie Trory, daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Trounce) Trory, of Wauseon, and they are the parents of two sons: Clarence T. and Arthur H., both of Toledo, the former born in 1900 and the latter in 1902. Mr. Jordan is a republican in his political allegiance, and is affiliated fraternally with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees, and the F. and A. M., in all of which he has numerous friends. He is public-spirited and progressive, and a staunch supporter of constructive measures having for their object the betterment of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are members of the Christian Church.

Charles H. Jordan. One of the lines of activity which combines business and art is that connected with the production and handling of plants and flowers, and one of the men of Wauseon who has attained to considerable success in it is Charles H. Jordan, sole proprietor of the Wauseon Floral Company. Mr. Jordan was born at Oakharbor, Ohio, on April 26, 1872, a son of Frederick and Rachael (Lopp) Jordan, and grandson of Christopher Jordan. His parents now make their home at Port Clinton and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary there on April 27, 1920.

Christopher Jordan was born at Baden, Germany, and came to the United States at an early day, settling in Erie county, Ohio. In about 1860 he moved to Oakharbor, Ottawa county, Ohio, which continued to be his home until his death in 1895. There were six children in his family of whom Frederick Jordan was the third in order of birth.

Charles H. Jordan attended the public schools of his native place and was graduated from its high school in 1890, and in 1893 he matriculated in the dental department of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1896. For the subsequent two years he was engaged in the practice of dentistry at Oakharbor, but finding it too confining, branched out into his present business and

for seven years conducted extensive greenhouses at Oakharbor. In 1907 he came to Wauseon and built his present greenhouses, which require 15,000 square feet of glass. Here he raises his own flowers and ships them all over the county, having built up a large and paying business.

Mr. Jordan was married to Sue Harrison, a daughter of Henry and Lydia Marion Harrison, of Oakharbor, Ohio, in 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have two children, namely: Marietta W. and Raymond Harrison, both now attending the Ohio Wesleyan University. Politically Mr. Jordan is a republican and served for four years, from 1911 to 1915, as a member of the City Council of Wauseon. The First Methodist Episcopal Church holds his membership and affords him expression for his religious life. Mr. Jordan is a Mason, belonging to Wauseon Lodge No. 348, F. and A. M., and in 1917 was master of his lodge. He is one of the most representative and public-spirited men of Fulton county, and in addition to the recognition accorded to his ability he has won appreciation for his admirable personal characteristics.

JOHN B. MCQUILLIN. With the coming of David McQuillin to Fulton county in 1835 an element of strength and purpose was added to the upbuilding forces of a promising and prosperous community. That the ideals of work and citizenship cherished by this early settler have been transmitted to those succeeding him in the race is not questioned by those familiar with the history of the family for the past three-quarters of a century. One of the worthy descendants of this pioneer is found in John B. McQuillin, deputy sheriff of Fulton county, who served for a long period in the capacity of sheriff and has also been a successful farmer of this locality.

John B. McQuillin was born in Pike township, Fulton county, Ohio, March 30, 1863, a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Dunbar) McQuillin, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. His paternal grandfather, David McQuillin, was born in Pennsylvania, but in 1835 moved to Pike township, where he cleared a farm and spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1870. He was the father of six sons and four daughters. Of these, John W. McQuillin was born the year following the arrival of the family in Fulton county and spent his life as a farmer on his property near Delta until his retirement, his death occurring in April, 1911, while his wife passed away in January of the same year.

John B. McQuillin secured a country school education in the Hoxie school in Pike township, attending to his studies during the winter terms and assisting his father on the home farm during the summer months. He was married in 1884 to Miss Clara B. Simpson, a daughter of William and Margaret (Taylor) Simpson, of Pike township, and to this union there were born children as follows: Everett W., born in 1887, a ranchman of the State of Oregon, who is married and has two children; Donald and Jeannette, Pearl T., the wife of Floyd Watkins, of Fulton township, this county, where he is engaged in farming and has one child; Ronald, Bessie, the wife of Clarence Saeger, a Fulton county farmer, has two children; Hazel, and Harold, and Donald, who was born in 1898 and died in 1911.

Following his marriage in 1884, Mr. McQuillin purchased forty acres of land in Pike township and there continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1912. He is still interested in agricultural matters as the owner of fifty acres of good land, and maintains his reputation as a skilled and well-informed tiller of the soil and breeder

of a good grade of cattle. In 1912 Mr. McQuillin was elected on the republican ticket as sheriff of Fulton county, over the democratic candidate Bailey, and after serving two years was re-elected by the largest vote secured by any man in the county. Mr. McQuillin continued in that office until 1917, when his term expired, and he was then appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff Boone. During his official career Mr. McQuillin has been a participant in some important cases, among others being the rounding up, with Sheriff Boone, of the notorious wife murderer, Fred Leyman.

Mr. McQuillin is a staunch republican and has long been an influential member of his party in Fulton county, where he has served in a number of public positons, his record in office being an excellent one. For a period of fourteen years he acted as constable of Pike township, for nine years was justice of the peace and for sixteen years was a member of the Pike township school board. His fraternal connection is with the Knights of Pythias, in which lodge he has numerous friends.

Julius Trondle. One of the old and honorable business names of Wauseon is that of Trondle, the Trondle Brothers, General Iron Works, of this city, having been developed from the general blacksmith business, the founder of which was their honored father. The present firm consists of John and Julius Trondle, both of whom grew up in the business.

Julius Trondle was born at Wauseon in 1879 and received his education in the public schools. He began early to help his father, and began to learn the blacksmith trade when fifteen years old, and has been identified with the same ever since except a short time when he was in a dry goods store. The parents of Mr. Trondle were Matthew and Lena (Goutz) Trondle. The mother is living but the father died in 1895. In 1896 the two sons, John and Julius, took over the business and have continued together ever since, in 1909 establishing themselves at No. 208 North Fulton street.

Mr. Trondle was married to Miss Emma Bonnugh, who is a daughter of Jacob and Sophia (Destel) Bonnugh, and they have two children, Helen and Virginia. Mr. Trondle and family belong to the Lutheran Church.

John Trondle, senior member of the firm of Trondle Brothers, was born in 1871, at Toledo, Ohio, and is a son of Matthew and Lena (Goetz) Trondle, who came to Wauseon when he was a child. He attended the public schools until sixteen years old, then helped his father in the blacksmith shop and also on the home farm. He continued with his father until he was twenty-five years old, serving an apprenticeship. After his father's death he and his brother Julius took over the business as partners, continuing at the old stand, where they had sixteen acres of land, until 1909, when they moved to their present location at No. 208 Fulton street. The firm has prospered through good service and honest business methods, and their trade territory extends over a radius of fifteen miles from the city. In addition to owning farm land the firm has some valuable pieces of city realty.

In 1898 Mr. Trondle was married to Miss Ella Sigg, who died in 1917, the mother of seven children, two of whom are deceased. Mr. Trondle is a thoughtful, well-read man and is a member of the Spiritualist Society. He is much interested in public questions and for ten years has given his political support to the Socialist party.

William S. Boone. There always have been, even in the most civilized communities, certain elements that produce discord that interferes with the safe and peaceful pursuits of the great majority. To curb, control and, if possible, banish such elements has been the duty of certain carefully chosen officials in a county, a duty that can only be performed efficiently by a man of great personal courage, of sound judgment and of stable, reliable character. In William S. Boone, sheriff, Fulton county has had such an official.

William S. Boone was born in Florence township, Williams county, Ohio, January 21, 1863. His parents were William and Catherine (Johnson) Boone, of German ancestry but of Pennsylvania birth. From that state they drove into Ohio and stopped in Wayne county, driving through the forests from there to Williams county and locating in Florence township. The father of Sheriff Boone died when this son was an infant, and as soon as he grew old enough he assumed the care of his mother and five sisters, having no brothers.

Until he was sixteen years old William S. Boone performed such tasks as came within his field of opportunity during the summer seasons and attended school during the winters. He continued work as a farm hand until he was nineteen years old, in the meanwhile learning the barber's trade at Edon, to which place he moved after his marriage in 1883, where he operated his own shop until 1887, when he moved to Bryan, in Williams county, and from there to Cleveland in 1889. In that city he worked at his trade for twenty-one months. Mr. Boone then came to Wauseon and went into business, conducting his own shop here until 1916, when he was nominated on the republican ticket for the office of sheriff of Fulton county. He was elected with a fine majority and assumed the duties of his office in January, 1917, general approval being shown of Sheriff Boone's administration by his subsequent re-election. As conservator of the peace in the county, he has effectively handled some very important cases, the capture of Fred Leyman for murder being one of wide notoriety.

In 1883 Mr. Boone was married to Miss Florence E. Stuller, and they have two children, namely: Dolly May, who is the wife of Francis Guilford, of Wauseon, and Inez Pearl, who resides with her parents. Sheriff Boone and his family are members of the Christian (Disciples) Church. He is a Blue Lodge Mason and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. As a business man, public official and private citizen Sheriff Boone stands deservedly high. He has always been a republican in his political preference, but has not been an office seeker; on the other hand, appreciative friends have often urged him to accept position because of his sterling honesty and thorough good citizenship.

Robert I. Bernath, president of the Northwestern Veterinary Medical Association, and secretary of the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Association, to which he was re-elected in 1919, is one of the leading men of his calling in Wauseon. He was born on the family homestead in Fulton county on October 7, 1883, a son of John H. and Mary Bernath, and grandson of John Bernath.

John Bernath came to the United States from Switzerland and located three miles east of Elmira in Fulton county, Ohio, in 1840, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. He married Susan Kibler, whose parents had brought her to Fulton county in 1832. They had a large family and all of the children

grew up to be a credit to their parents. John H. Bernath inherited this farm from his father and spent his life upon it until his retirement about ten years ago, when he moved to Wauseon.

Robert I. Bernath attended the public schools of Wauseon, including the High School course, and then became a student of the Fayette Normal School at Fayette, Ohio. In 1904 he matriculated in the veterinary department of the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1907, and immediately thereafter located in Wauseon and embarked in the practice of his profession. Having a natural inclination for his work, as well as being trained, Doctor Bernath has been very successful and has built up a large connection. In addition to his professional duties he is serving as secretary and manager of the Wauseon Holstein Breeders' Company, and in conjunction with his brother, George Bernath, is interested in the breeding of pure bred Holstein cattle. He belongs to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the United States Live Stock Sanitary Association, and other organizations connected with his calling, in all of which he is an active factor. On September 1, 1919, Doctor Bernath assumed the duties of the office of county surveyor, to which he was elected at the previous election on the republican ticket. He is also the owner of some valuable real estate in the city of Wauseon, and is enthusiastic about the future of the county seat.

In 1908 Doctor Bernath was united in marriage with Ida F. Bucher, a daughter of John C. and Mary Bucher, of Whitehouse, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Bernath have three children, namely: Margaret A., Robert I., Jr., and Irene Mary. When Doctor Bernath located at Wauseon the city gained a constructive citizen of merit, and his record since coming here is of such a character as to reflect credit upon him, his profession and his community, and he has the confidence of a wide circle of personal friends as well as of his constituents.

Davis B. Johnson, the eldest of a family of seven children and the son of Arby D. Johnson and Effie Sellers Johnson, was born one-half mile south and one mile west of the village of Metamora, Amboy township, Fulton county, Ohio, in a neighborhood known to the old settlers of Amboy township as Duncan Town, on the 30th day of December, 1880.

Sullivan Johnson, grandfather of Davis, was a Vermonter by birth and of Scotch descent, he being the son of Abel Johnson and Roby Thomas Johnson. Sullivan Johnson came to the State of Ohio and settled with his father near Geneva, Lake county, Ohio. He afterward came to Toledo, Ohio, where he met and married Phidelia Worden, at a time when that city could boast of only two or three little log houses. Sullivan Johnson settled in Amboy township about the year 1835, and played an important part in the early settlement of Amboy township and what is now Fulton county. He served two terms as sheriff of Fulton county, receiving his election by the republican party, to which he was a faithful and ardent member.

Elias Sellers, grandfather on the mother's side, was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, an early settler of Dover township, Fulton county, Ohio, and a veteran of the Civil war.

During the winter months Davis attended the public schools of his native township and assisted his father on the farm in the summer time. He attended the public school in the village of Tedrow, Dover township, for a number of winters while the school was under

the supervision of Professor C. G. Miller, to whom he is indebted greatly for the education he has received. While attending the school at Tedrow he was nicknamed "Jeff Davis."

After leaving the Tedrow school he spent one winter in the Fayette Normal and received a teacher's certificate the following spring. His first term of school was taught in the little brick school house east of Seward, Ohio, about one-half mile, the same building and same school district in which he was first enrolled as a scholar. At first he was not very successful as a schoolmaster, and quit the profession for about two years.

Thinking the matter over one day he came to the conclusion that he had been a quitter and decided to take another try at the business, and applied for a school in Amboy, his native township. After teaching the year in this district he was employed in the village school at Metamora, where he taught for about twelve years. During that time the school grew from a two-room school to the first grade high school, with one of the most modern buildings in the county. During this period he attended summer school in vacation time and studied.

He spent two winters in the Chattanooga Law School of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was admitted to the bar in the state of Ohio on the first day of July, 1916.

In politics Mr. Johnson has always been a strong and active republican. He served six years as a member of the Village Council of Metamora, Ohio, and has held many important positions on the County Central and Executive Committees of his party. In the fall election of 1914 he was elected clerk of courts of the county, and re-elected in the fall of 1916. Retiring from that office on the first Monday of August, 1919, he opened an office for the practice of law in Wauseon, Ohio, in which practice he is now engaged.

Mr. Johnson was married December 30, 1915, at Wauseon, Ohio, to Lillian Tressler, an adopted daughter of John and Louisa (Smith) Strong, of Wauseon. Mr. Johnson has one daughter, Louisa Elizabeth Johnson, born September 27, 1919.

Mr. Johnson is well known in the Masonry of his county, being a member of Wauseon Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Wauseon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Wauseon Council, Royal and Select Masons, and Defiance Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Johnson is of an active and progressive nature, always for public improvement, good roads, good schools, good citizenship. He is one of the most dependable citizens of the county and is always ready and willing to contribute his services both in a private and professional capacity for civic betterment. His advancement has been steady, and each step has been gained through earnest and painstaking effort. He has many friends throughout the county, and his further progress is watched with interest by all who know him.

Thomas W. Smith has spent over fifty years of his life on the borders of Fulton county, and his friends and neighbors recognize in him a man of substantial industry and thrift, one who has improved his opportunities and achieved a comfortable home and farm, and altogether proved worthy of his American citizenship.

Mr. Smith was born at Elyria, Ohio, on June 4, 1860, son of Chapman and Mary Jane (Haden) Smith, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New York. The maternal grandparents, Thomas Jefferson and Hannah (Russell) Haden, moved

from New York state to Lorain county, Ohio. Chapman Smith also went to Lorain county, was married there, and in 1865 moved to Fulton county and located in Pike township. He lived in that community about twenty years and then moved to Fulton township. He died February 3, 1901. His widow made her home with her son, Thomas, until her death May 15, 1918. Each of his parents had been twice married. Thomas W. was the only son of his parents.

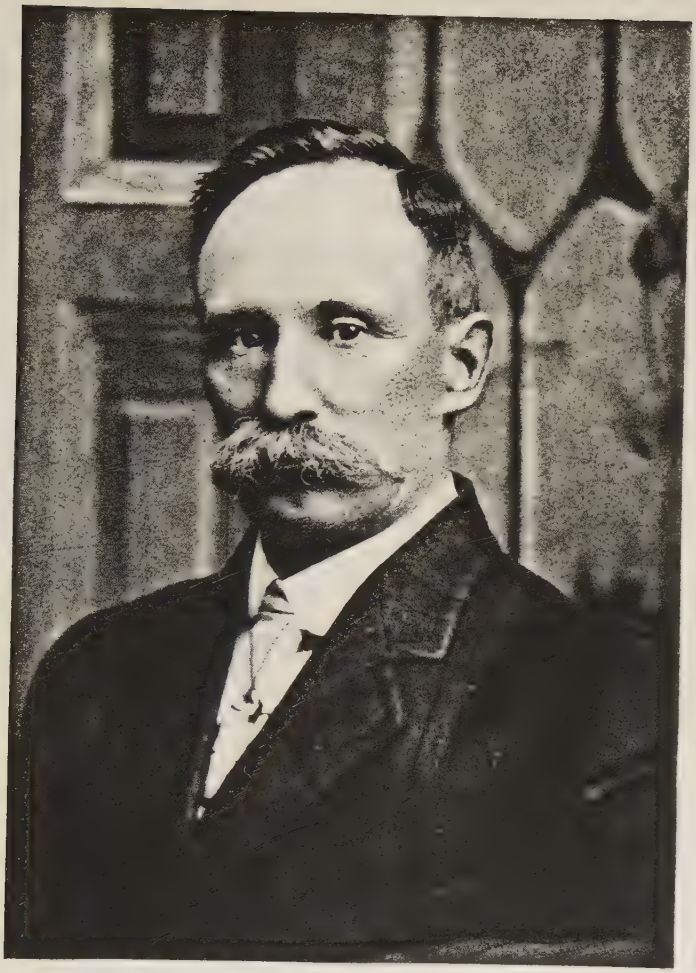
He grew up on a farm, acquired a district school education, and at the age of eighteen began earning monthly wages from neighboring farmers. He continued in that way until April 29, 1883, when he married Flora Alma Eldred. Mrs. Smith was born in Pike township, a daughter of Ambrose S. and Cynthia O. (Hall) Eldred, her father a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and her mother of Ashland county, Ohio. Her maternal grandfather was named Ambrose S. Eldred, while her maternal grandparents were Charles and Ruth (Weeks) Hall, the former a native of England and the latter of New York state.

Mr. Smith after his marriage rented a farm in Fulton township for six years, then bought twenty acres in the northwest corner of that township, and his parents lived with him there for thirteen years. He then rented another farm in the same locality, and in the meantime sold his place and bought sixty-four acres of partly improved land in section 30 of Amboy township. The Amboy township farm has been the scene of his best work as a farmer. He has remodeled the house and other buildings, kept the improvements up to the standard of the times, and has conducted its operations as a general farmer and also operates a small dairy of six cows. Mr. Smith is a republican voter and is affiliated with Lodge No. 555 of Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Emira Willard, who was born March 1, 1884. He is now a resident of Detroit, Michigan. He has been twice married, his present wife having borne the maiden name of May Smith. By his first marriage he has three children, Sidney Max, Marjory Fern and Hazel May.

Myron E. Doane. The gentleman to a brief review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the favorably known and representative citizens of this section of Ohio, in which he has spent his life. He has by his indomitable enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way the advancement of his locality, and during the course of an honorable career has met with success as a general farmer, being a man of energy, sound judgment and honesty of purpose.

Myron E. Doane, who operates a fine farm of 168 acres in Clinton township, Fulton county, was born in Hartland township, Huron county, Ohio, on April 2, 1855, and is the son of Eliphalet Joshua and Selina (Dunn) Doane. He is descended from a long line of honorable ancestry, his antecedents being traced in a direct line to some of the prominent families of the earliest colonial period in New England history. On the paternal side the family is of English stock, while the maternal line is of English-Scotch-Dutch blood. The Doane family was established in England in a very early day, it having been mentioned in English records as early as 1199, and a little later the home of the Doanes in England was at Utkinton, north of Tarperley. Deacon John Doane was one of the historic band of Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, and is prominently mentioned in connection with the



Myron E. Doane.

Plymouth Colony in 1630. Later the family was established at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Deacon John Doane became a deacon of the Plymouth Church, and later of the Eastham Church, at Eastham, Massachusetts, and it is noteworthy that five successive generations of Doanes served as deacon of the last named church. The family remained identified with New England for many generations and became prominent as educators and merchants. On the maternal side the ancestors owned a block and ran a tavern in Glasgow. The grandfather came as an English soldier to Canada in the war of 1812, but remained and came to the new country in the northwest territory.

The subject's father, Eliphalet Joshua Doane, was born in Wayne county, New York, April 7, 1816, and followed agricultural pursuits mainly throughout his life. He came to Fulton county August 14, 1863. He died April 24, 1886, at the age of seventy years, and was survived a number of years by his widow, who died February 11, 1894, at the age of eighty-four years. She was born in Genesee, Lexington county, New York.

When the family came to Fulton county the farm was in heavy woods, only a few acres having been cleared. Myron E. and his father cleared the remainder, as well as built roads and performed the other tasks of pioneering farmers. This section was then wet and swampy, and even the main highways had not been cleared of trees and logs.

Myron E. Doane secured his educational training in the old Markley School in District No. 3, later known as the Olive Branch School. His summers were spent on his father's farm of 160 acres, the greater part of which is still in the estate. He now farms this in connection with his own property, and has given intelligent direction to its operation, in which he has met with abundant success.

Mr. Doane has never married, but lives on the old homestead with two of his sisters, Mary Selina and Jane Ann. The former is the widow of Charles H. Kline, who died on April 14, 1904.

Politically Mr. Doane is a supporter of the republican party, while his church affiliation is with the United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution). He is a member of the board of trustees of the United Brethren Church, a trustee of the parsonage, a member of the annual conference board of trustees of the United Brethren Church, and has for twenty-six years been secretary of the quarterly conference of the Wauseon Circuit of the United Brethren Church. Such, in brief, is the record of Mr. Doane, than whom a more wholesouled or popular man it would be difficult to find within the borders of Fulton county, where he has long maintained his home and where he has labored not only for his own individual advancement, but also for the improvement of the entire community, whose interests he ever has at heart.

George Washington Twiss, of Amboy, is only two generations away from the British Isles, and there is both English and Irish blood in his veins. He was born June 24, 1850, in Seneca county. He is a son of Russell and Sally Ann (Hall) Twiss. While the parents were born in Holmes county and afterward lived in Seneca county, the grandfather, Abial Twiss, came from England, and the grandmother, Mary (Mullit) Twiss, was born in Ireland. The Twiss family first lived in Philadelphia, and came from there to Ohio. The maternal grandparents were Reuben and Almira (Wheaton) Hall.

Abial Twiss was a cooper, and he also operated a water power saw mill. At one time when he was along the stream there was a panther lying in the sun, and without disturbing it he returned to the house for his trusty flintlock gun. He hurried back and shot the panther, breaking its shoulder. The gunshot aroused the bull dog and it attacked the panther, which was so crippled it could not climb a tree in making its escape from the place. While the dog and panther were fighting they both got into the stream, and Mr. Twiss waded in and clubbed the panther to death. The settlers frequently had adventures with wild animals of the forest.

When Russell Twiss came to northern Ohio he lived for four years in Spencer and then moved to a farm in Richfield township, of Lucas county. The place was under water and he cleared and drained it. His wife died there June 16, 1900, and he died January 3, 1903, in Swanton. Their children are: Caroline, widow of Walter Stinson, of Casanovia, Michigan; Reuben, of Niagara Falls, New York; Eliza Jane, wife of Joseph Corth, of Toledo; G. W. Twiss, who relates the family history; Mary, wife of Eugene Crissey, died May 30, 1900, and Arletta, who died in infancy.

On April 20, 1879, G. W. Twiss married Clarinda J. Sloan, of Seneca county. She is a daughter of Horatio and Rebecca (Hall) Sloan. The parental grandfather was Alonzo Sloan and the maternal grandfather was Reuben Hall. When they were married they located on a forty acre tract of timber in Amboy. It was under water and he cleared and drained it. While reclaiming this land Mr. Twiss frequently shot wild turkeys, and it was no trouble to supply wild meats for his dinner table. While Amboy is now fine farming land, it was wild country when Mr. Twiss first located in it. While he only had frame buildings in 1899, Mr. Twiss bought and hauled brick from Toledo and built a fine ten-room brick house.

From time to time Mr. Twiss has bought more land, paying $16 to $20 an acre for it, but now the price of land is a different story. Some of the young men would like to have such opportunities of securing farmsteads in Fulton county. Mr. Twiss planted an orchard of more than 100 trees, and he was always an active man until 1909, since which time he has rented the farm. A man who always has worked always will find something to do as long as he remains in the country.

The children are: Bertha, a graduate of the Toledo Conservatory; Frank J., of Richfield, who married Verna Gillette, and they have one son, Harold; Burton A., of Lyons, married Helen L. Stebbins, and they have one son, George Frederick; Arthur Lee Twiss, married October 29, 1919, Vena Hackett, and lives on a sixty acre farm adjoining his father. The family are Methodists. Mr. Twiss is a republican and for twelve years he has served as a school director. He is a member of the F. and A. M., No. 555, of Swanton. The family has social and business interests in both Fulton and Lucas counties.

Norman P. Tripp has been closely identified with agricultural interests in Amboy township for a number of years. In young manhood he had an interesting experience and service as a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and he comes of military stock. His great-grandfather, Cyrus Tripp, was a soldier in the War of 1812, while Mr. Tripp's grandfather earned a patriotic record as a Union man during the Civil war.

Norman P. Tripp was born in Pike township of Fulton county,

September 18, 1878, son of Henry D. and Alice M. (Forrester) Tripp. His parents were also born in Fulton county, his father in Amboy and his mother in Pike township. The paternal grandparents were Norman M. and Julia Ann (Bartlett) Tripp, the former a native of New York and the latter of Toledo. The maternal grandfather was Patrick Forrester, a native of Ireland, who came to this country at an early day, and was one of the workmen who built the canal across the state to Cincinnati. Later he acquired extensive tracts of land in Pike township of Fulton county. The paternal grandparents were likewise early settlers and developed a farm from the woods in Amboy township. Henry D. Tripp after his marriage settled in Amboy township, but later moved to Holgate, Ohio, but he died in Amboy in March, 1916, and his wife on January 29, 1919. They had three children: Frank, of Holgate; Norman P., and Muriel, who is a principal in the public schools at Holgate.

Norman P. Tripp was twenty years of age when in April, 1898, he was an enthusiastic volunteer for the service of his country during the Spanish-American war. He was with the Sixth Ohio Infantry and served with that command in Cuba with the Army of Occupation, receiving his honorable discharge May 26, 1899, and for several years thereafter was a member of the Ohio National Guard. For three years after his army service Mr. Tripp lived at Toledo, where he worked at his trade as painter and also as conductor on a street car. He then returned to Amboy township and took charge of the home farm of eighty acres. He has lived there ever since and in 1913 bought the farm. He has all of it in cultivation except about ten acres of timber pasture.

Mr. Tripp is a member of the Spanish War Veterans at Toledo, is a democrat, a Catholic and a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio. May 5, 1903, he married Miss Catherine Rondy, who was born at Crestline, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Sutter) Rondy. Her father was a native of Germany and her mother of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Tripp have five children: Alton, Alice, Paul, John and Norman.

Daniel Ford. While he owns farm land in Amboy, Daniel Ford now lives on a small tract of land at Caraghar. He is a Catholic and a member of the Catholic church there that is attended by so many families in the northeastern part of Fulton county. Mr. Ford was born November 3, 1856, in Toledo. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Lineham) Ford, the mother a Toledo woman, but the father came from Ireland.

When William Ford came to Toledo he worked for thirty years at the Wabash Grain Elevator. For ten years he was foreman there. His wife died in 1864, leaving the following children: Daniel, who enrolls the family; Alice, deceased; Catherine, wife of John Dowling, of Toledo, and Elizabeth, wife of Robert Savage, of Swanton. Mr. Ford later married Anna McKinley, and their children are: Patrick, William and Mamie, deceased, leaving one son, Michael, of Toledo.

After his mother died, Daniel Ford lived with her parents, who reared him on a farm in Lucas county. He remained with them until September 11, 1878, when he married Mary A. Savage, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Hugh and Bridget (Gallagher) Savage. They came from Ireland to Canada. Mr. Ford and his wife lived one year with his grandparents, where he had lived, and then rented

a farm for two years in Lucas county. The next move was to Amboy in Fulton county.

Mr. Ford bought twenty acres in the timber and with an ax and spade set about making a home on it. For seventeen years he lived there, when he sold the place and bought 120 acres of land, where he lived until 1910, when he bought a five-acre tract at Caraghar, Amboy township, where he lives and rents the farm. Industry and economy explain the changed conditions in the life of Daniel Ford.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ford are: Frank, on the home farm in Amboy; John, of Amboy; Alice, wife of Gamaliel Marvin, of Amboy; William, of Toledo, and Ella, wife of Louis Simons, of Amboy. Mr. Ford is a democrat. All the family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Caraghar.

His fellow citizens appreciate the many substantial qualities of the character of Daniel Ford. The example he set when with no capital and with few implements he began making a home for himself in the timber should prove an encouragement to those who complain of the hardships of the present post-war period. He earned his prosperity by the hardest kind of work, and before persistent industry all the obstacles of life give way.

Edwin J. Smith. It was in 1842 that John Smith, founder of the American branch of the Smith family represented by Edwin J. Smith of "The Walnut Grove Farm" in Royalton, came from Scotland directly to the community since developed into Royalton. Walter, the father of Edwin J. Smith, came with his father, John Smith, to the United States. However, they were not the only Smiths in Royalton. He married Eleanor Smith, who was already living there. Her parents, Charles D. and Jane B. (Helms) Smith, had come in an early day from New York to Ohio. They entered 180 acres of timber and developed it into one of the best farms in Fulton county.

Charles D. Smith, the maternal grandfather of Edwin J. Smith, was the second sheriff of Fulton county. He held the office two terms, and died when he was forty-eight years of age. Walter Smith, after his marriage with Eleanor Smith, settled on an eighty acre tract which he secured from the government. It was all in timber and he cleared a space for the cabin, and cleared and added to the land until he had a farm of 200 acres in Royalton. He died in July, 1910, while his wife died in October, two years later.

Edwin J. Smith, of "The Walnut Grove Farm," was the oldest, and he relates the family story. His brothers are Charles, William and Scott, William having met with an accidental death in 1888.

On February 28, 1891, Edwin J. Smith married Mrs. Rachael Cole, widow of Lemuel Cole. She had two children: Addie, wife of Ezra Burkey, of Fulton, and Donna, who lives at the Smith homestead. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Reuben S. and Katie Ann (Watkins) Woodring, and she was born in Fulton township, Fulton county, May 22, 1863. For eleven years after his marriage Mr. Smith lived at the old family homestead, when he bought a farm of eighty acres with few improvements, and now it has everything modern and convenient upon it. He also owns a small farm in Seneca township, Lenawee county, Michigan, which is all under cultivation, and he rents it to others. He lives on the farm in Royalton, where he operates a Holstein dairy along with other farm activities.

The children are: Ruth, wife of Floyd Ryder, of Lyons; Fern

D., who died at the age of sixteen, and Reuben E., who lives at the homestead. Mr. Smith is active in local politics, and is a member of the township democratic committee. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and has served the order as its treasurer for several years.

Edwin J. Smith was born in Royalton township, September 13, 1857, and has therefore had an active career of nearly half a century. He is one of the honored members of a real pioneer family of Fulton county, and what he has done in developing the Walnut Grove Farm is of itself an important contribution to the life and welfare of the county. Only a few families can claim a continuous residence of nearly eighty years in this section of Ohio, and the fortunes of a family are in safe keeping when the present generation is so well represented as in the person of the proprietor of The Walnut Grove Farm.

Van Emmons. Since he was thirteen years old Van Emmons has been the farmer at the old homestead of his father in Royalton. He was born there September 26, 1881, and has always lived there. His father, Stephen Emmons, came from New Jersey. His mother, Ellen (Deyo) Emmons, has always lived in Royalton.

Stephen Emmons was a Union soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted from New Jersey, but after the war he located in Fulton county. He married and settled in Royalton. He died in 1891, and Mrs. Emmons and her son Van continue their residence at the family homestead. There are 110 acres in the farmstead.

The Emmons children are: William, of Royalton; Hattie, wife of W. R. Wyant, of Royalton, and Van, who enrolls the family. Since the death of his father he has assumed the responsibilities of the farm, and has a home there with his mother.

John Roberts. The late John Roberts of Royalton lived in Cincinnati in his early years, although his native place was New York. He was born November 9, 1831, a son of Thomas and Polly Roberts. When he was a young man the family moved from Cincinnati to Allen county, Ohio.

Mr. Roberts married twice, the first wife being Mary Chloe Clevenger, of Allen county, Ohio. For some years they lived in Allen county, then he removed to Adrian, Michigan, where he conducted a livery barn for some years. Mr. Roberts later became a cheesemaker. He was one of the first cheese-makers in Fulton county.

When Mr. Roberts engaged in farming he rented a place in Chesterfield, then later he bought an eighty acre tract in Royalton. It was swampy land, but he drained and improved it. He built a fourteen-room brick house on the farm in Royalton. While he engaged in farming, he gave special attention to dairying, and he had a cheese factory on the farm.

Mrs. Roberts died in 1879. The children of the first marriage are: Anna, deceased, was the wife of Charles Stutesman; Thomas, deceased; Benjamin, of California; Henry, deceased; Ida, wife of Chase Ragan, of California, and Nora Belle, widow of Marshall Munn, of Sycamore, Illinois.

On December 14, 1881, Mr. Roberts married Mathilda Grimm, who survives him. Her home was at Whitehouse, Lucas county. She is a daughter of Frederick and Harriet (Brainer) Grimm. Her parents came from Germany. The children of this marriage are: Carrie, wife of Richard Cook, of Royalton; Frances, wife of Eu-

gene Blaine, of Royalton; Mary, widow of Bert Thrydouble, lives with her mother at the family homestead, and Belva, wife of Harvey Disbrow, of Toledo.

Mr. Roberts was a democrat and served the community many years as justice of the peace. He died July 7, 1918, and Mrs. Roberts remains on the farm, although she rents the land to others. They are members of the Universalist Church and of the Grange.

Death came to him in the eighty-seventh year of his life. He had lived long and usefully, and there are many who can testify not only to his industry, but also to his high character and the good influence he steadily radiated in his community.

Cyrus Downer, who died March 18, 1919, at the family home in Lyons, was born April 11, 1833, in Branch county, Michigan. He was a son of Ormil and Amanda Downer, of Branch county. At the age of eighty-seven years, Mrs. Downer resides in Lyons.

Cyrus Downer married Martha A. Green on August 21, 1857, and soon afterward he located in Royalton. He was a farmer there until 1903, when on account of the infirmities of age he was forced to relinquish it. He was a man who always had a smile and a pleasant greeting for every one. He owned a good deal of land and always loaned considerable money. As a creditor he was always lenient with persons unable to promptly meet their obligations.

Of the Downer children, Minnie A. died in infancy. F. O., of Indianapolis, owns burial casket factories in Indianapolis and Albion, Michigan. He married Harriett Stowe, and has one son, Paul. Mary, who lives at the home of her mother, is the wife of Emery Elsworth Johnson. He is a stationary engineer and has always resided with the Downers. He came from Williams county. The Johnson children are: Burt Leo, of Wauseon, and Tony, who operates the farm in Royalton. Burt L. married Goldie Sharp, and they have one daughter, Laone Margaret.

The Downer family belong to the Radical United Bretheren, and Cyrus Downer always held some official capacity in it. He was a democrat and frequently served the township in different offices. When he was a boy of ten years Mr. Downer moved with his parents from Michigan to Dover township, Fulton county, Ohio. They settled on a timber claim and only managed to clear and plant one acre to corn that year, and they had to get up early in the morning to keep the birds from taking the corn before it could sprout and come through the ground in the field.

In those days there were Indians in Fulton county, and Cyrus Downer's companions were the young Indians roaming about the forests. Because the country was undrained the family had to cut wild grass and stack it on the higher points of ground in order to have feed for their livestock. Young Downer never had shoes or boots in winter until he was fourteen years old. He wore his father's old ones or wrapped rags about his feet to keep them from freezing in the cold weather. He knew all of the hardships of the pioneers.

Mrs. Downer was the widow of Josiah Green when Cyrus Downer married her. Her first husband died soon after their marriage. She was a daughter of James T. and Almira Shaw, and her home was in Allegheny county, New York. In her time she was school teacher, milliner and dressmaker. In the wilderness days her home was a social and business center in the frontier community.

ELMER EDGAR. Ireland has given another family to the history of Fulton county. While Elmer Edgar, of Royalton, was born December 9, 1866, in Clinton township, his father came from the Emerald Isle. William Samuel Edgar was an Irish immigrant, while his wife, Susannah (Pontious) Edgar, was a native of Ohio, born in Pickaway county.

When William Samuel Edgar was but eighteen years old he came with an older brother to Henry county. They were six weeks on the Atlantic, and when he reached Buffalo, N. Y., he only had twenty-five cents in money. He reached Toledo by working his way and he was fortunate in securing work immediately in a saw mill at Durain, Ohio, which is on the Maumee river, and he worked there three years, saving his money for something better. The young man had never been quite out of money, and he had the habit of economy.

At the end of three years the Edgar brothers rented a farm—the Stebbins farm, and before long they bought land and farmed for themselves. His parents joined them while living there, and in 1865 William Samuel Edgar bought a place in Clinton, and here is where Elmer Edgar's life story had its beginning. The family lived in Clinton until 1869, when the farm was sold and they bought another in Royalton. It was 200 acres of prairie and timber, and they added to and improved it, until in 1902, when the parents moved to Delta, they had a farm of 480 acres in Royalton. The father died in Delta in 1913, and the mother died six years later.

The children in this Irish immigrant family are: William R., who died in 1907; James, who died at the age of two years; Alca, of Royalton; Elmer, who enrolls the family in the Fulton County History; Albert, of Delta, and George D., of Defiance, Ohio.

When the father and mother left the farm and moved to Delta, Elmer Edgar remained on his portion of the home farm in Royalton. In all he had acquired 200 acres of good land, and while the homestead part had been well improved, he added to the buildings and now has everything modern and up-to-date in the way of farm improvements. Farming and dairying have always been the source of income there.

On December 25, 1901, Elmer Edgar married Emma Smellie. She is a daughter of Gavin and Julia (Whittaker) Smellie. While the father is a native of Fulton the mother was born in Cuyahoga county. Their children are Doyle S., Donald G., and Doris, who died in infancy. The wife and mother died November 26, 1907, and on April 10, 1912, Mr. Edgar married Mabelle Quick, of Lenawee county, Michigan. Her father, Frank Quick, was born there, while her mother, Carrie E. (Mead) Quick, was born in Chesterfield. Three children were born of this marriage: Harold F., Laurence E., and Helen Elizabeth.

Mr. Edgar had a common school education, and he has served Royalton township as a trustee and member of the board of education. In politics he is a republican. The family are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners and of the Lyons Christian Church. Since 1909 Mr. Edgar has served as one of the board of deacons in the Christian Church of Lyons.

A native of Fulton county and for over half a century a resident of Royalton, Elmer Edgar is still a very busy man, and his years of successful experience as a farmer and dairyman make him one of the exceedingly useful men of Fulton county in this era of high pressure agriculture. His chief work has been done on the land, but

some of the esteem he enjoys is the product of his public spirited relationship with the community.

WILLARD MARION DRISKELL. Both the Driskell and Blaine ancestry of Willard Marion Driskell of Royalton were early settlers in the community. He was born October 5, 1866, and has always lived in Royalton. His father, William Driskell, was born February 1, 1841, in Medina county, and on March 29, 1842, his mother, Almina Blaine, was born in what is now known as Royalton. She lived there before Fulton was an organized county. The Driskells came from York State to Medina and then to Fulton county. Charles and Rachel (Betholt) Blaine were natives of Ohio, and they were also pioneers in Royalton. William Driskell and Almina Blaine grew up in the same community. They married and always lived in Royalton. He died April 22, 1918, and she now lives in Toledo.

The children in the family of William Driskell are: Clara, deceased wife of Fletus Johnson; Willard Marion, who enrolls the family; Wallace, of Toledo; and Luella, wife of Myron Dernier, of Sylvania. On July 23, 1890, W. M. Driskell married Julia Higley. She was born June 25, 1869, in Amboy. She is a daughter of Darius and Sabina (Johnson) Higley. The father was born April 3, 1845, at New London, Ohio, and the mother, December 21, 1847, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of Robert and Mary Johnson.

Mrs. Mary Johnson died January 11, 1896, while Mr. Johnson survived until December 11, 1916, one month short of twenty years later. The children in the Higley family are: Maria, wife of William Baldwin, of Amboy; Harvey, of York; Albert, of Amboy; Lula Ada, deceased; Ella, wife of Charles Webber, of Metamora; and Bessie, wife of Lyman Pfaff, of Fulton.

When W. M. Driskell married he resided for a time with the Driskell grandparents in Royalton. A house was then built on forty acres that he inherited from them, and later he bought seventy acres and he now has a well developed farmstead. The buildings are modern and he has electric lights in the farmhouse. In 1920 he secured the old homestead of eighty acres, making a total of 190 acres.

Sherman, the oldest son in the Driskell family, served in the Army of Occupation in Germany. On December 22, 1917, he married Lela Clark. She is a daughter of Lewis and Anna (Zuber) Clark, and came from Paulding county. The others are: Olan and Donald.

W. M. Driskell votes the republican ticket. He and his wife are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. The family has been represented in two wars—a son, Sherman, in the World war, and the grandfather, William Driskell, in the Civil war. He enlisted May 2, 1864, in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and received his discharge September 22 of the same year. Sherman Driskell entered the service on the 24th of July, 1918, and was discharged June 6, 1919.

WILLIAM BURGESS AND HARRY L. BURGESS. William Burgess, of Royalton, was born May 23, 1843, in County Carlow, Ireland. He is a son of William and Mary (Scanlon) Burgess. They lived and died in Ireland. On October 12, 1865, William Burgess married Mary Earl. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Swain)

Earl, who came in 1849 to Cuyahoga county, Ohio. Eighteen years later her parents moved to Lenawee county, Michigan. Her father died there, while the mother died in Delta at the advanced age of 101 years.

In 1866 William Burgess came to Huron county, Ohio. He was only there six weeks when he went to Lenawee county, Michigan. Two years later he came to Royalton, and bought a forty acre farm with a frame house on it, and thirty acres had "been chopped over," and he finished clearing it. Thirty-five years later he moved again, buying more land and today he has 221 acres of good farm land in one body in Royalton. There are two sets of farm buildings, one occupied by a son and the other the family homestead.

Mr. Burgess has the distinction of having bought and owned the first Ford tractor in the State of Ohio. Until recently he was an active farmer, and he still has an oversight of affairs. His children are: Thomas Earl, and M. D. of Toledo; William A., of Trumbull county; Lyman Henry; Carrie Belle, wife of C. J. Prentiss of Napoleon; Mary Jane, wife of George Nevitt, of Amboy, had two sons: William, deceased, and Clyde, accidentally killed at the age of twelve years.

Mr. Burgess is republican in his political faith, and for two years he has been a member of the town council of Lyons. He is a Mason, both chapter and council in Wauseon, and a Sir Knight of Toledo.

Harry L. Burgess, of Royalton, was born October 17, 1871, and has always lived near Lyons. His lineage dates back to Ireland, being a son of William and Mary (Earl) Burgess, but since 1867 their activities have been in Royalton.

When Harry L. Burgess was nineteen years old he began working in a general store at Seward, and remained 4½ years as a salesman there. Later he spent one year at Fayette College, and then engaged in farming on land owned by his father, William Burgess, near Seward. There are 142 acres in the place, and aside from grain farming Mr. Burgess specializes in Shropshire sheep and O. I. C. hogs.

In April, 1904, Harry L. Burgess married Allie Belle Brown, of Seward. She is a daughter of G. D. and Sylvia (Holmes) Brown. The father is a native of Fulton while the mother was born in Monroe county. Mr. Burgess does not adhere to any particular political party. He is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 434 of Lyons.

The distinctive achievements to be credited to the Burgess family during a residence of more than half a century in Fulton county are a part in developing the lands of the wilderness, the creation of a valuable and modern farm, the upbuilding of homes, progressive leadership of agriculture and public affairs, and in view of these facts and what has been related above it is not strange that the name Burgess has always been linked with the best citizenship of Fulton county.

Charles W. Cox. It was in 1902 that Charles W. Cox of Royalton became a resident of Fulton county. He was born March 18, 1855, in Wood county, Ohio. His father, Joseph Cox, was a Virginian, while his mother, Jane R. (Underwood) Cox, was an Ohio woman. They always lived in Wood county. Their children are: Noah, Wesley, Benjamin, Joseph and Thomas—all soldiers in the Civil war; Esther, Deborah Ann and Samantha, deceased; John of

Wood county, Charles W., who relates the family history, Manson of Wood county; and Elizabeth, deceased.

When Charles W. Cox was twenty-one years old he began doing for himself, and worked by the month for two years, when he began farming, ditching and teaming—always working for himself. On December 24, 1882, he married Anna E. Harriman, a daughter of Jonathan A. and Anna (Wickham) Harriman, of Wood county. The father was from Maine and the mother from Finley, Ohio. They first lived in Webster township, Wood county, on a farm. In 1896 they sold it and moved to Paulding county. Six years later they located in Royalton.

When Mr. Cox came to Fulton county he bought an improved farm of eighty acres and later he added twenty acres, and aside from sixteen acres of timber and pasture land it is all under cultivation. The children are: Charles Perry; Floyd, of Lenawee county, Michigan; Ross, of Lansing, Michigan; Edith; Beulah, wife of Ray Cook, of Westover, Maryland; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Huldah; Esther, wife of Herman Woodring, of Amboy; Bernice; and Joseph, who died at the age of one year.

Mr. Cox casts his ballot with the republicans. He is a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 622 of Lyons, and has filled all of the chairs.

While he came to Fulton county in the modern era of the twentieth century, Charles W. Cox has made his industry count in the program of good farms, progressive agriculture and all the things that lend attractiveness to country life in this rich section of Ohio. Here and elsewhere he has done his work well, and as a man of industry and thorough integrity of character deserves all the good things said of him by his friends and neighbors.

Orlando Bixler. For two or three generations the Bixler family represented by Orlando Bixler of Royalton had lived in Stark county Ohio. He is the son of Baltzer and Sarah (Deck) Bixler, and was born April 6, 1857, in Stark county. Samuel and Susan (Mott) Bixler, of an earlier generation, also lived there. Samuel was a son of Jacob Bixler, who had settled in Pennsylvania as early as 1780, in the time of the Revolutionary struggle in establishing American independence.

The maternal grandparents, Abraham and Sarah (Snyder) Deck, had come from Pennsylvania, and they were also among the early residents of Stark county. After his marriage Baltzer Bixler remained in Stark county until 1861, when he removed to Fulton county. He located at Swan Creek, and remained there until his death, October 16, 1894, and the widow lived there until her death, which occurred February 12, 1920. She was born October 6, 1839, and was among the older residents of Fulton county.

Orlando Bixler, who enrolls the family, was the oldest child, and the others are: S. H., of Swan Creek; Sarah, wife of J. W. Snyder, of Delta; Florence, wife of J. F. Whitmer, of Swan Creek; Thomas A., of Swan Creek; Iva, wife of W. F. Miller, of Swan Creek; and Lyman of Swanton.

On March 22, 1885, Orlando Bixler married Ida E. Keffer, of Wayne county. She is a daughter of Daniel and Christine (Layman) Keffer. For a time they lived on a rented place at Swan Creek. Mr. Bixler was a saw mill man and a brick maker by trade, and in 1888 he went to Wellston, Jackson county, where he operated a brick yard and became interested in coal production. He lived for

a while in Athens county, but in 1894 he returned to Fulton county.

When Mr. Bixler returned to his native heath—Fulton county, he worked his father's farm one year, then lived on another rented place until 1907, when he bought an eighty acre farm in Royalton, remodeled the buildings and built fences and tiled the land, and it is all under cultivation. He does general farming and operates a farm dairy, selling the milk instead of making butter.

The children in this generation of the Bixler family are: Ethel, wife of P. D. Lee, of Clinton; Walter W., who served in light artillery in France; Eva, wife of S. L. Standish, of Royalton; Corbie B., of Royalton; Maggie, wife of Howard Sohn, of Wauseon; Myrtle and Carrie.

Mr. Bixler had a common school education and he casts his ballot with the republican party. The family belongs to the United Brethren Church, and they are active in affairs of the community

Edwin S. Frantz. The Frantz family of which Edwin S. Frantz of Royalton is a representative, was resident of Lenawee county, Michigan, in an early day. E. S. Frantz was born January 1, 1868, in Lenawee county. He is a son of Philip and Charity (Upton) Frantz. The father came from New York while the mother had always lived in Michigan. The grandparents, Daniel and Havila (Tunison) Frantz, were early settlers in Lenawee county. William and Charity (McConnell) Upton, who came from Belfast, Ireland, were very early settlers in Lenawee county. While E. S. Frantz now lives in Ohio, he certainly is identified with the early history of Lenawee county, Michigan. His ancestry located there when it was a wild country.

Philip and Charity Frantz married and lived many years on a farm in Lenawee county, and for a time they lived in Hillsdale, but since the spring of 1917 they have lived in Adrian. Edwin S. Frantz is their oldest son, and he has one brother, Arthur Frantz, who lives in Youngstown, Ohio.

On December 24, 1891, Edwin S. Frantz married Margaret Smith, of Royalton. She was born December 13, 1870, and is a daughter of William S. and Elizabeth (Renwick) Smith, her father from Scotland. The grandparents, John and Margaret (Scott) Smith, had come early to Royalton. William and Elizabeth had married and settled in Royalton. They retired to Wauseon, where he died in 1900, and she died twelve years later.

When Edwin S. Frantz was married he moved on the farm of William S. Smith, father of Mrs. Frantz, and this farm was willed to Mrs. Frantz at his death. Her father lived on this place fifty years, having cleared the entire farm himself. E. S. Frantz lived there sixteen years and spent one year in Adrian, where he clerked in a store before buying this 100-acre farm in the eastern part of Royalton. He made extensive improvements on this farm and lived there ten years. He rents the farm today and he lives in Lyons.

One son, William S., born August 29, 1892, lives on the Frantz farm. He married Hazel Dixon. Kenneth B., born September 5, 1895, is an official milk inspector for the state. He was a World war soldier, serving in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Infantry, Thirty-second Division, and he was among the first soldiers in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was discharged from the service May 23, 1919, and returned to Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frantz both received common school educations, and she had one year in the Wauseon Normal Training School. He is a republican, and has served as assessor several terms, and for five years he has been a member of the school board. The family are members of the Christian Church in Lyons. Mr. Frantz has been through all of the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 622 of Lyons, and with his wife he is a member of the Rebekahs. They are also members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. Mr. Frantz is a stockholder and director in the Lyons Mutual Telephone Company.

Farmer and farm developer, business man and home maker, an earnest Christian citizen, doing his duty as he sees it, Mr. Frantz is justly esteemed both in Fulton county and over the line in his boyhood community of Michigan. Life has brought him many substantial satisfactions, not least of which is the patriotic record of his son during the World war.

Oliver Perry Barnes. The late Oliver Perry Barnes, who is survived by his wife, Mrs. Oliver P. Barnes of Lyons, was born June 12, 1840, in Holmes county. He died May 25, 1911, in Royalton, after an active life both as a private citizen and as a Union soldier. He was a son of Leonard and Mary Ann Barnes.

Mr. Barnes enlisted in 1861 in Company H, One Hundredth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served all through the Civil war, receiving his discharge May 24, 1865, when he returned to Fulton county. He had married a Miss Scott, who died while he was in the service. While he lived Mr. Barnes was an active member of Baxter Post, No. 238, Grand Army of the Republic, and his army record was his pride.

On February 9, 1868, Mr. Barnes married Rebecca Andrews. She is a daughter of Mathew and Ann (Shopp) Andrews, and she was born at Akron, Ohio. For several years they lived in Wauseon, where Mr. Barnes was a teamster. When he moved to Gallatin, Missouri, he worked in a sawmill and on a farm. After seven years in Missouri they returned to Wauseon, where he teamed and worked as a carpenter. In 1888 they bought a farm of ninety-three acres in Royalton. They lived on this farm until 1902, when they located in Lyons. He had bought a lot, and being a carpenter he built his own house there. Mrs. Lyons lives there today.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are: Edwin, who died at the age of five years; Winfield, of Detroit; Fred, who lives at the family homestead in Royalton; William, of Lenawee county, Michigan; and Lula, wife of G. F. Evers, of Lyons. While Mr. Barnes was a Methodist, Mrs. Barnes is a member of the Disciples Church. She is a Rebekah.

Robert S. Blair. The agriculturists of Fulton county are not content with ordinary progress, but are constantly adding to their improvements, thus increasing the value of their property and the efficiency of their working plant and giving their support to those measures looking toward a betterment of conditions in the county, notably that connected with the good roads movements. The farmer of today is a business man and understands thoroughly the value of systematic management and good equipment and a wise expenditure of public funds. One of the men belonging to this class is Robert S. Blair, owner of eighty acres of fertile land in Clinton Township, which he is devoting to general farming, as he believes that best suited to his land.

Robert S. Blair was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, on February 4, 1847, a son of James and Sarah (Smith) Blair. James Blair come to the United States from Edinboro, Scotland, in boyhood, and his wife was brought to this country in girlhood from Ireland. Landing in New York City, James Blair found employment there, and while engaged in the construction work of the old Croton aqueduct he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of a leg. This necessitated his changing his occupation, and he went to Wayne county, Pennsylvania, taking with him the wife he had married in New York City, and bought 100 acres of land, on which he was engaged in farming for thirty years. At the expiration of that period he came to Ohio and bought eighty acres of land in Clinton Township, which he conducted until he retired, moved to Wauseon and there died in 1904. He had eleven children, of whom Robert S. Blair was the eldest.

Robert S. Blair attended school in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he left school and devoted himself to helping his father on the farm until he reached his majority. Mr. Blair then went into the lumber woods for two years, and for the subsequent four years was in the pine woods of northwestern Pennsylvania. Having been attracted to Fulton county, Ohio, Mr. Blair came here and in partnership with his brother, Frank T., bought 160 acres of land in York Township and they farmed it for six years.

In 1879 Mr. Blair was married to Elizabeth Tedrow, a daughter of Jeremiah Tedrow of Clinton Township, and member of one of the old and prominent families of Fulton county, and they became the parents of ten children, all of whom are living.

Following his marriage Mr. Blair sold his interest to his brother and rented 160 acres of land at Tedrow, Ohio, on which he spent eleven years, and then he rented another farm for two years. In the spring of 1909 he bought sixty-four acres of his present farm, to which he later added sixteen acres and has made it a valuable, well-improved property.

Mr. Blair ran on the republican ticket for township commissioner and was only defeated by fifteen votes, and then he was again the nominee of his party for the same office; although once more defeated, he made a very creditable showing. He has been township trustee and is a dependable man and official. The Evangelical Church holds his membership and benefits by his generosity. A man of great energy, he has known how to make his work yield him a reasonable profit, and as he is thrifty, he has acquired a comfortable competency. Mr. Blair is a man of considerable importance in his community where he is well and favorably known.

George Franklin Evers. Only since 1882 has the Evers family been connected with the history of Fulton county. George Franklin Evers, of Lyons, was born November 9, 1873, in Williams county. The family home was at Pioneer. He is a son of Joseph D. and Louisa Ann (Ritchey) Evers. While the father was born in Pennsylvania, the mother was a native of Williams county. They lived at Pioneer after their marriage until 1882, when they removed to Fulton county. They lived for a while in Royalton, then bought a farm in Pike in 1884, and in 1893 he died there. Later Mrs. Evers became the wife of Oliver McLain and removed to Wauseon.

The children in the Evers family are: George F., who relates

the history; Sarah, wife of Jacob Harmon, of Pike; William H. and Charles E., of Pike; Warren S., of Royalton; Sophia Rosella, wife of Vitus Eberly, of Pike; and Stella who died in infancy.

On February 5, 1895, G. F. Evers married Luella Barnes. She is a daughter of Oliver P. and Rebecca (Scott) Barnes, and the family home was in Clinton. They lived on a forty acre farm already owned by Mr. Evers in Pike, but two years later they sold it and rented a farm in Royalton. Three years later they removed to Williams county, where they bought a farm of eighty acres. Two years later they sold the Williams county farm and rented again in Royalton for three years.

Mr. Evers then bought an eighty acre farm in Royalton, where they lived for eight years before retiring to Lyons. There is one son, Kenneth D., who enlisted and spent several months in training at Camp Sherman. They are raising an orphan child, Mabelle Barnes. Mr. Evers votes the republican ticket. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge of Lyons, and has been through all of the chairs. He is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Lyons. For five years Mr. Evers served as president of the Mutual Telephone Company of Lyons, and he is now the treasurer of the company.

As one of the successful men of Fulton county it is important to note that Mr. Evers began his career as a farm worker and renter and accumulated prosperity through the slow process of good management and against many handicaps. The Town of Lyons and Township of Royalton are fortunate in having a man of his ability and tried experience as a working factor in the community.

Charles C. Holt, mayor of Lyons, is only one generation removed from a German immigrant, his father, Frederick Holt, having been born in the Fatherland. He was eleven weeks crossing the Atlantic when he was a sixteen year old boy. He married Jane Gilmore, of Pennsylvania, and they took up their residence at Toledo, where he hired out to farmers before locating in Fulton county. However, C. C. Holt was born, May 26, 1858, in Royalton. His father had entered government land when it was in the virgin forest, and had added to it until he had an improved farm of 480 acres, and it is still in the Holt name.

The pioneer family, Frederick Holt and his wife, both died there in 1896, the husband having attained to seventy-four years while his wife was twelve years his junior. Mrs. Holt's parents, Ambrose and Elizabeth (Stebbins) Gilmore, removed from Pennsylvania and lived in Royalton. They also entered land in the timber and wrought the transformation. The children born in the Holt family were: Oliver, who was sheriff of Lenawee county, Michigan, died in 1915; James, of Blissfield, Michigan; Mary, who was burned to death in childhood; Charles C., who enrolls the family in the annals of Fulton county; Harriet, wife of Perry Carpenter, a merchant of Lyons; George, who died in boyhood.

On November 18, 1880, Mr. Holt married Mary Naylor, of Nova, Ashland county. She is a daughter of James and Priscilla (Deibler) Naylor, the father a native of New York and the mother from Pennsylvania. There is English and Irish in the Naylor blood, the grandfather, Charles Naylor, having come from England, while the grandmother, Diana (Weisner) Naylor came from Ireland. On the other side, George and Elizabeth (Streeter) Deibler were of Pennsylvania stock, and all of Mrs. Holt's grandparents were early

settlers in Ashland county. Her parents had lived in Henry before coming to Fulton, and they later removed to Hamilton, Missouri, where they died a few years ago. Their children were William, who died in 1904; Mrs. Holt, of Lyons; Charles, of Kansas City; Frank, of St. Clair county, Missouri.

When he was first married Mr. Holt lived for eight years with his parents on the farm. His parents then moving to Lyons, he remained for twelve years longer and then he located in Lyons. While he already had a farm of ninety acres, when his father died he bought the family homestead in Royalton. He lived there for a time, making many substantial improvements, and being extensively engaged in raising Holstein cattle. He added more land until he had a tract of almost 600 acres, all of it excellent farming land, and after disposing of part of it he still has 350 acres in Royalton. January 1, 1904, Mr. Holt gave up farming and again he located in Lyons. However, he is still a "telephone" farmer, always planning the farm management.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Holt are: Pearl, wife of Rev. Nichocal Ziilch, of Fostoria. He is a Christian minister, and their children are: Paul, Mary, Frances, Ruth and Esther May; Mabel, wife of Robert Barnes, of Royalton. Their children are: Gladys, Chester and Genevieve. Iva Belle died at the age of six years and six months.

The Holt family belongs to the Christian Church, and he has served both as deacon and elder. He is republican, and has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board. He has filled all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge of Lyons.

A busy and fruitful career has been that of Mr. Holt. In sixty odd years since his birth he has achieved those things that ambitious men in all generations have sought, a fair degree of worldly prosperity, a home and family, and the esteem of his fellow men. His present office as mayor of Lyons tells what that community thinks of him, but the best evidence of his industry is found in the country and in the improvements of his farm.

Augustus Noble, of Lyons, was born July 12, 1841, at Warsaw, Wyoming county, New York. His father, Dwight Noble, had lived there, while his mother, Eunice (Watrous) Noble, was a native of Connecticut. They were married in New York, and in 1844 they migrated to Ohio. They crossed Lake Erie to Toledo, driving the first team into Royalton township that had ever been seen in the community. The father had entered a quarter section of wild land, and he cut the timber off of it. He died there in 1879, and his wife died ten years later.

The children born to this pioneer Noble family were: Electa, deceased, was the wife of Warren Morey; Emily, the widow of Philip Rose, of Wauseon; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of George Carll; Catharine, who died at the age of sixteen; Augustus, of this sketch; and Olive who died in infancy.

In September, 1867, Augustus Noble married Adelia Patterson. Their children are: Albert, of Royalton, and Edward, of Montpelier, Ohio. Later he married Martha Baldwin, who died within six months. In 1884 Mr. Noble married Elmina Westfall, of Gorham township. The children of this marriage are: Opha, wife of Floyd Bardon, of Royalton; Electa, wife of George Burgess, of

Lenawee county, Michigan; Fred, of Lyons; and Bernice, wife of Charles Malone, of Metamora.

Mr. Noble has always lived on a farm although part of his land is within the corporate limits of Lyons. He cleared, fenced and tiled it and it is under cultivation. In 1911 he rented the land to a son. His father, Dwight Noble, was the first sexton of the Lyons cemetery, and as long as he lived he had charge of it, and since that time Mr. Noble, who lives across from it, has always cared for it.

Mr. Noble was a Civil war soldier, enlisting May 2, 1864, in Company D, One Hundred and Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and being discharged September 22, 1864. He saw service around Richmond, Virginia. After completing the common school he spent one term in the Lyons Academy, and for several terms he has served as trustee of Royalton. He has served as township assessor and as a member of the Lyons town council. Mr. Noble votes with the democratic party. He is a member of Baxter Post No. 238, Grand Army of the Republic, of Royalton Union Lodge No. 434, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Eastern Star Lodge of Lyons.

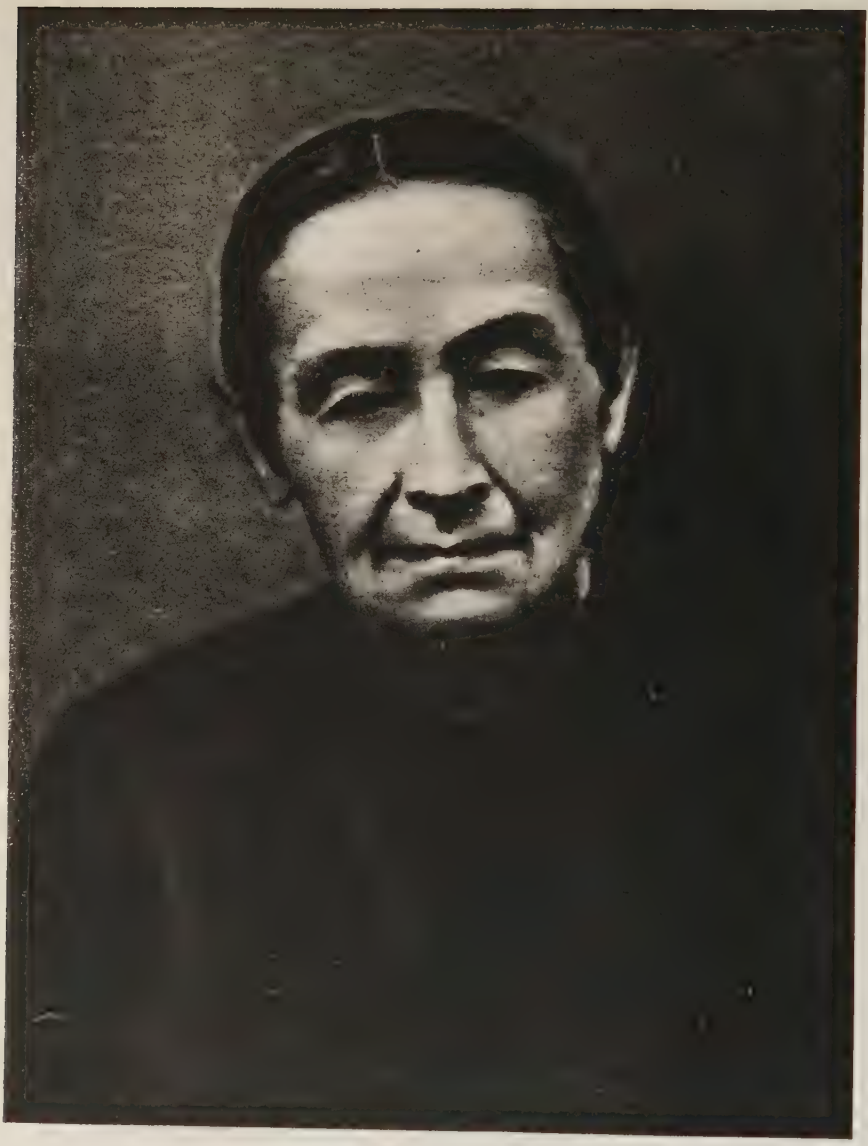
Augustus Noble through a period of three-quarters of a century has been identified with Royalton township. His early recollections go back to the time of the big woods, the swamps and an uncultivated wilderness. He has played a worthy part in redeeming the wilds, and his service as a soldier testifies to his patriotism as well as to his virtues as a home maker in Fulton county. He is not only one of the oldest residents of Fulton county but one of the county's best citizens.

Ashabel Asa Barnes. The ancestry of Ashabel Asa Barnes of Amboy represents several states, and his immediate family have lived in Illinois as well as Ohio. He was born May 7, 1846, in Boone county, Illinois. He is a son of Willard and Elizabeth (Kitchell) Barnes. The father was born in 1808, in New York, and the mother was a Connecticut woman. The ancestral Barnes family came to Lucas county in 1821, and settled between Maumee and Waterville, along the Maumee River. The country was wild and there were Indians in the forests.

The maternal grandfather, Cerinus Kitchell, came in 1826, and settled where Swan Creek was afterwards placed on the map of Fulton county. At that time it was all Lucas county. Cerinus Kitchell was a lawyer in the frontier community. He also conducted a tavern on the stage route where horses were changed and travelers were entertained in the wilderness country.

When Willard Barnes and Elizabeth Kitchell were married they settled on a farm in Springfield township, Lucas county. In 1839 they removed to Boone county, Illinois, and there occurred the birth of A. A. Barnes. In moving to Illinois they drove a yoke of oxen and had a long, tedious journey. They entered a quarter section of government land near Belvidere, and in 1853 they sold it, buying land in Sangamon county, near Springfield. However, they never lived in Sangamon county. They traded the Sangamon county land for ninety acres of partially improved land in Spencer township, Lucas county. After twenty years they were back again in Ohio. They moved on the Lucas county farm in 1859, and he died there in 1879, while she died three years later.

There were many children in the Barnes family, and today more are beyond than are living. Those living are: John, of Ithaca, Michigan; Mary, wife of John Sabin, of Breckenridge, Michigan;



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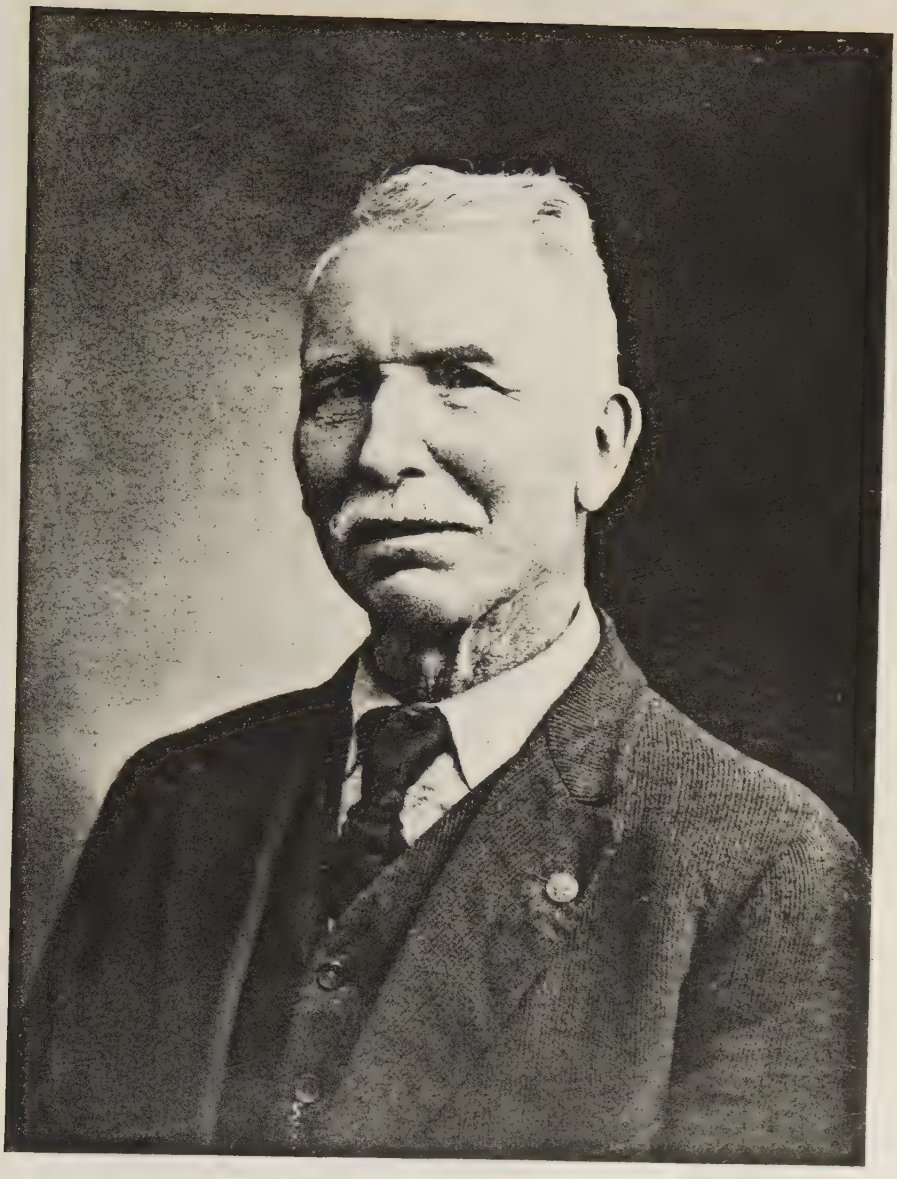

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Ashabel A. Barnes; and Charles, of Spencer township, Lucas county. Those deceased are: Joshua, Harriet, James, George and Caroline, who were twins, Miranda, William, Oscar and Sarah. There were thirteen children in all.

While he lived with his parents A. A. Barnes sometimes worked for others at farm work and for a time he was a driver on the Erie Canal tow-path. The young men born before the middle of the nineteenth century did not have the lure to the city that attracts the young man of today. In October, 1868, Mr. Barnes married Mary S. Nichols, of Seneca county. She was a daughter of James and Mildred Nichols. They lived together thirty years. She died March 30, 1898, and December 28, 1899, Mr. Barnes married Louisa D. Eschenburg, of Spencer township, Lucas county. She is a daughter of August and Sophia (Busack) Eschenburg, who were immigrants from Germany.

On October 18, 1863, Mr. Barnes enlisted in Company L, Ninth Ohio Cavalry, at Camp Denison, near Cincinnati. He remained in camp until January, when he was taken to Louisville and later, when he reached Georgia, he went with Sherman to the sea: "As we go marching through Georgia." He returned through the Carolinas and was mustered out at Lexington, North Carolina, and on July 22, 1865, he was finally discharged from Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Barnes returned to the home of his father, where he lived until his marriage, after which he farmed four years in Lucas county. He left the farm and spent three years with a construction crew on the railroad and then located in Maumee, where he engaged in the wholesale butcher trade. He operated the butcher business in connection with his Spencer township farm, continuing the butcher business about five years. He also owned a threshing machine, which he ran for several years.

In 1878 Mr. Barnes moved to a farm of 160 acres he had bought in Ogden township, Lenawee county, Michigan. It was all in timber but ten acres, and he cleared, tiled and fenced the farm and erected necessary farm buildings on it. In 1906 he sold a part of the land and bought a stock of merchandise at Whiteville, Amboy township, Fulton county. He was postmaster and agent for the Toledo and Western Electric Railway, remaining there three years and four months. When he sold out he bought a farm of thirty-eight acres in Amboy, and he added to it until there are now 118 acres, and until 1918 he farmed the place himself.

Mr. Barnes has a modern farm residence with heat and lights, and the necessary barns for sheltering stock and caring for the products of the farm. The children are: Mary Eloise and Wendell Curtis, and Theodore, who died at the age of 6½ years. Mr. Barnes is a republican, and since 1914 he has been a member of the Amboy township board of education.

Daniel J. Prickitt, a retired farmer of Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, well-known and esteemed as an agriculturist of enterprise and energy for the greater part of his manhood years, and earlier of worthy Civil war record, has of late years, with his wife, Lydia (Glover), whom he married just after the close of the Civil war, lived in comfortable retirement. As a patriot he gave his country full service, his war record embracing the full four years of stress. As a churchman he has been consistently active, serving as elder of the Christian Church for many years; and in the civilian

walks of life he gained the respect of his neighbors by a praiseworthy steadiness of private life and by an energetic industrious application to manly toil, such as comes within the sphere of a responsible successful farmer. The Glover family, to which his wife belongs, is one of the pioneer families of Franklin township, having owned land in that township since the early decades of settlement. And also his own association, which has almost been life-long, with Franklin township establishes him firmly as one of the representative citizens of Fulton county.

He was born near Lumberton, Clinton county, Ohio, in 1840, the son of Japheth L. and Phoebe S. (Borton) Prickitt, settlers of that section of Ohio. He received a country school education, and his early years of manhood were spent amid the perils of the Civil war. He was still in his minority when that terrible struggle began; but that did not deter him from offering his arm to the military forces of the Union. He enlisted in 1861 at West Unity, Williams county, Ohio, and was mustered out in 1865. Between 1861 and 1865 he took a full man's share of in the struggle for the emancipation of the slaves of the South, and served in cavalry and quartermaster units of the Union forces. For the greater part of the time he was a member of the Third Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He is an honored member of the West Unity Grand Army of the Republic Post. Soon after receiving honorable discharge from military service in 1865 Mr. Prickitt married Lydia, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Borton) Glover, of Franklin township, Fulton county, and thereafter for twenty-five years applied himself steadily to the management of an extensive acreage at Franklin township. His wife, Lydia Glover, was born in 1839, in New Jersey, the home of the Borton family in that state being near Moorestown; but she was only six months old when her parents took her upon an adventurous journey, by wagon, from New Jersey through many wild parts of the country into Ohio, and eventually to Franklin township, Fulton county, where their journey of six weeks duration ended. Her father purchased a tract of 244 acres from a Mr. Packard, who had acquired it from the government. And there the family has since settled, her father living on the property until his death in 1888, when she inherited it. And on it she has spent the greater part of her life. The home was practically hers to manage for more than twenty-five years before her father's death, for her mother died in 1861. And a few years later, when she married Daniel J. Prickitt, it seemed but the proper logical course for him to take over the management of the extensive farm, seeing that her father gave much of his time to other business interests. He was always interested in railway extension, and Mr. Glover was one of the original promoters of the Mansfield and Cold Water Railroad Company, in which enterprise however he lost money.

Mr. and Mrs. Prickitt are the parents of eight children, who, in order of birth, were: Anna Margaret, who married Mr. Pershing, of Wisconsin, bore one son to the marriage, Phillip, and died in 1904, at the early age of thirty-eight years; Jemima Elizabeth, who married Warren Martin Steward, son of Philo and Amelia J. (Bradley) Steward, of Franklin township, in 1889; they have no children and Mr. Steward, a republican, a good Methodist, and a man well respected in the township, now works the whole farm, so that Mr. Prickitt is able to enjoy freedom from the responsibilities of the family estate; Lydia Gertrude, who married Alonzo Mangus, died in 1910, the mother of four children, three of whom are liv-

ing, Paul Raymond, Jessie Lois, and Gerald, Arthur B. being deceased; Daniel James, who went into Canada, and now owns a good property in Andalusa. Alberta married Pearl Borton, of Fulton county, and they have two children, Lee Clemons and Lena Pearl; Phoebe Abigail, died in infancy; Benjamin Japheth also died in infancy; Jessie Ellen, who married Daniel Meyers, of Fayette, Fulton county, has issue as follows, Donald, Margery, Merlin, and Kenneth, all living, and George William, deceased, he having not long survived his birth; Mary Eva married Samuel Burton, of North Liberty, Indiana, and to them were born three children, only two of whom however survive, the deceased child being Melin David, who died at the age of fifteen months, in 1918, and the surviving two are Albert Eli and Lydia Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Prickitt are therefore abundantly blessed in grandchildren, and although some of their own children have passed away, the descendants must bring to them much real satisfaction, linking them as they must with their own children now passed forever from this world. Mr. and Mrs. Prickitt were the recipients of many indications of the general esteem in which they are held when, in 1915, they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. Both are esteemed in the community, and both have taken worthy part in the public and church life of the community. Mr. Prickitt is an elder of the Christian Church, and is the oldest member of the West Unity Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. He has been a life-long republican. But apart from his civic repute his Civil war record would make him an honored citizen in any community.

Willard Crockett. While the name "Davy Crockett" belongs to the early history of the United States, the Crockett family represented by Willard Crockett of Metamora is among the pioneer families in Fulton county. Mr. Crockett was born in York State, December 1, 1834, and is a son of Nathaniel and Mary (White) Crockett. They were natives of Maine.

When the pioneer Crockett family came west they crossed Lake Erie and settled in Lenawee county, Michigan. He secured a quarter section of government land by entry, and settled in the wilderness of Lenawee county. Mr. Crockett purchased other land in Hillsdale county, and with the help of his sons he cleared it. He spent his later years in Iowa. Of the ten children born to the family three are living today: Willard, of Metamora; Clarissa, wife of George A. Sebring, of Lenawee county; and David, of Adrian, Michigan.

While he was not exactly a "Forty-niner," in 1853, when Willard Crockett was a young man of nineteen, he was filled with the spirit of adventure. He went to New York City and boarding a sailing vessel he went to the Isthmus of Panama and around Cape Horn to California. He remained there in the gold regions 5½ years, when he returned by the same route to his home in Lenawee county. He worked for a time on a Michigan farm, when he bought land and for fifty years he resided there, and in 1906 he retired to Metamora. A great many Fulton county people retire to Morenci, Michigan, but here is an exception—a Michigan man retired to Ohio. Mr. Crockett lives in a modern home in Metamora.

On March 18, 1862, Mr. Crockett married Hannah Rice. She was a Michigan woman, born in Ogden township, Lenawee county. Her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Sebring) Rice, were born in New York. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are: Addie,

wife of Edgar Ritchie, of Metamora; Jennie, wife of Ira Dennis, of Amboy; Alvah, who died at the age of forty; Clara, wife of John Kahle, who lives with her father; Cassius, of Sylvania, Ohio; and Russell, of Metamora. Mrs. Crockett died March 18, 1918, after having been married fifty-six years, her death occurring on the anniversary of her marriage.

While he has reached an advanced age, Mr. Crockett is interested in the news of the day. In politics he is a republican, and for a great many years he served Lenawee county as a highway commissioner. Few men have had more stirring experiences than Mr. Crockett. While the name "Davy Crockett" belongs to the "Kit Carson," period, Willard Crockett has had his share of adventure.

Daniel T. Miller. In his early life Daniel T. Miller, who is now living in retirement in Metamora, worked in the pine forests of Michigan for two years and later he was a brakeman on the railroad for a time. He was born August 27, 1844, in Pike township. He is a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Tom) Miller, the father a native of Maryland and the mother of Holmes county, Ohio. In 1843, while it was yet part of Lucas county, they located in Pike township, Fulton county.

There were nine children born to this pioneer Fulton county family, although Daniel T. Miller is alone. The father died in 1847 and the mother in 1855, and for a time Mr. Miller made his home with a brother. On September 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and two months later he joined his regiment at Rolling Forks, Kentucky. As yet the tents had not been pitched, and his first army experiences was sleeping on the ground, but he later had part in some of the hard-fought battles of the war. He was at the battles of Stone River, Mill Springs, Missionary Ridge, Jonesboro, Hoover's Gap and many others, his regiment supporting the Seventh Ohio, which had suffered badly from its encounters. In recent years Mr. Miller has served as junior and senior vice commander of McQuillan Post, G. A. R., of Delta. In the last year of the war he was detailed to duty at army headquarters. On July 22, 1865, he received his discharge and returned at once to Fulton county.

In October, 1871, Mr. Miller married Susan Cowan, a native of Erie county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Hugh and Lushie (Williams) Cowan. Their children are: Sarah E., wife of Elmer Murray, of Pike; Emmet V., of Fulton. Mrs. Miller died August 18, 1906, and November 23, 1907, Mr. Miller married Janette Hackett Vaughn, widow of Caleb J. Vaughn, who was also a Union army soldier. She was born April 21, 1848, in New York. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Sabrina (Miller) Hackett, and in her second marriage she took upon herself the maiden name of her mother.

Mr. Miller bought a farm in 1873, and lived there until 1907. The farm was in Pike township. In 1907 he sold it and moved to Metamora. He took quite an interest in stock raising, and raised full blooded stock of all kinds. In early life Mr. Miller had common school advantages, and as a public-spirited citizen he has served for fifteen years as a member of the Pike township board of education. He is a republican in politics, and for fifteen years he was a member of the Fulton county board of agriculture. Mr. Miller is a member of the Sunflower Spiritualist Church of Toledo.

Rezin Frank Penny. The history of the Penny family of which Rezin Frank Penny of Metamora is a representative began about 1850 in Ohio, when his father, Isaac Penny, came to Norwalk. He was a ship carpenter in his early life, and was a native of New York. He married Elizabeth Fay, of Huron county. In 1861 they came to Fulton county. He died in 1898, while she died seven years later. Their children are: Nicholas, of Oklahoma; Rezin Frank, who relates the family history; William, of Amboy; Eugene, of Fulton; and Lillie, wife of Byron Willson, of Amboy.

On November 19, 1884, Mr. Penny, who was born May 11, 1862, married Ella Arvilla Blaine, a daughter of Robert and Lauretta (Robb) Blaine, of Amboy. They lived on the Blaine farm in Amboy until 1895, when they bought twenty acres and later they bought forty, and Mr. Blaine gave them sixty, making 120 acres of excellent farm land in Amboy. It is all under cultivation but ten acres, which is in timber.

Mr. Penny improved the farm extensively, but in 1917 he rented it and moved to Metamora, where he became the local representative of the International Harvester Company. His only son, Jesse R. Penny, is associated with him. Jesse married Mary Vaughan. Their children are Laura and Freda. The family vote is republican, and the church relation is with the Methodists.

Mr. Penny is known as a good practical farmer and an able business man, and life has brought him few opportunities which he has not been able to convert to advantage either to himself or family or to the community in which he has lived and in which he has such an excellent reputation.

Fred A. Seeley. It was when he was eighteen years old that Fred A. Seeley, of Metamora, had his first introduction to Fulton county. He was born October 11, 1862, at Monroeville, Huron county. He is a son of Robert and Marilla (Searles) Seeley. The grandfather, Robert Seeley, was born and died at Erie, Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather, Albert Searles, came from Massachusetts to Huron county, Ohio, in 1850, and in 1861 he came to Amboy township, Fulton county.

When Robert Seeley was a child two years old he was taken by the family to Clyde, Ohio. They lived there about eight years, when the boy was thrown on his own resources and shifted for himself. In later years he established a livery business in Monroeville, the birth place of Fred A. Seeley. He died there in 1912, and the mother died two years later. Their children are: Charles, of Monroeville; Fred A. Seeley, of Metamora, who relates the family history; Cora, wife of W. J. Meade, of Cleveland; Edith, wife of H. D. Osborn, of Detroit; Laura, wife of Augustus Ries, of Metamora; and E. C. Seeley, of Monroeville.

When Fred A. Seeley located in Fulton county he worked for ten years in a general merchandise store in Metamora, and then he traveled for a time selling farm implements and machinery. In 1901 he engaged in the implement business for himself in Metamora. Three years later he sold out and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, this being the first and only business of the kind in Metamora.

In 1902 Mr. Seeley helped organize the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Metamora, it being a branch of the bank in Sylvania. He was cashier of this bank until 1915, when it was changed to a state bank and he became vice president of it. In May, 1880, Mr. Seeley

married Elizabeth Frail, of Delaware county, New York. They have one son, Edward, who is cashier in the bank.

Mr. Seeley attended school at Monroeville and the Northern Ohio Normal at Ada. He is a republican and for ten years he served as clerk of the corporation of Metamora. Through his influence it became an incorporated town. He is a charter member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875, of Metamora, and has filled all of the chairs. He is a Mason at Lyons, a member of the chapter, and Blue Lodge and Council of Wauseon, and a member of Zenobia Commandery, Scottish Rite Consistory and Shrine at Toledo.

Mr. Seeley can therefore claim a residence of four decades in Fulton county. His career has been a progressive one, his employment as a clerk opening the door of opportunity as a traveling salesman, going from that into business for himself, and then extending the scope of his enterprise from merchandising to include banking. Altogether the record is one to satisfy any normally ambitious man.

Joseph M. Herr. While death overtook him in his labors at a comparatively early age, Joseph M. Herr had accomplished most of those things that give substance to a man's life. He had worked with a right good will, had provided home and other advantages for his dependents, and his name and memory are held in high esteem in both Fulton and Lucas counties.

Mr. Herr was born at Sylvania in Lucas county September 4, 1870, son of August and Elizabeth Herr. His parents were natives of Germany, and soon after their marriage came to America and settled in Lucas county, where the mother died about 1877. August Herr then married Mrs. John Bettenger, who survived him.

Joseph M. Herr grew up on his father's farm, attended the common schools, and on July 30, 1891, at the age of twenty-one, married Miss Mary Ann Schneider. Mrs. Herr was born at Raab, near Richfield Center in Lucas county, January 27, 1871. Her parents, Michael and Rosa (Buick) Schneider, were natives of Germany and Lucas county, Ohio, respectively, and both are now deceased.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Herr lived with his parents a year and a half, and then moved to Toledo. Mr. Herr was a very skillful carpenter, and worked at his trade in Toledo four years. He always liked farming and the country, and on leaving the city bought twenty acres in Amboy township of Fulton county. He improved this land with several buildings and put about ten acres under cultivation. He lived there about ten years and every season worked at his trade. On selling that property he bought thirty-seven acres a half mile north of Caraghar, but continued his carpenter work and left the management of the farm largely to his sons. After four years he sold again and then bought eighty acres of partly improved land in Amboy township. The rest of his life he devoted to making this a first class farm, though after a few years, on account of ill health, he had to give over the heavier work to his two older sons. Mr. Herr died September 14, 1918. He was a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio, was a democratic voter, and was affiliated with the Catholic Church at Caraghar.

Mrs. Herr has proved a very capable business woman and with the aid of her sons has managed the farm with expert ability and with satisfying returns. Of her children Michael, the oldest, died in infancy. Sylvester married Margaret O'Neil and has two children, Alice Ann and Richard Michael. Louis, now at home, was

with the United States Hospital Corps and saw eleven months of duty overseas in France. Celia died at the age of two years and Bertha is at home. Vincent is attending school in St. Louis, Missouri. The two youngest children at home are Ambrose and Cyrillus.

William Bennett Cook. While Mr. Cook was born in the City of Cleveland, the greater part of his life has been spent within the confines of Fulton county, and here he has worked out life's problems in a satisfactory manner to all concerned, has achieved a place of esteem among his neighbors and is enjoying the fruits of many years of toil as a farmer.

He was born at Cleveland March 17, 1851, a son of William and Sarah Ann (Bennett) Cook. His parents were natives of England, his father born at Folkstone and his mother at Tenterdon in Kent county. They were married in England and in the spring of 1849 crossed the ocean, lived in New York a year, then settled at Cleveland, where William Cook was employed as a laborer six years. For four years he lived on a farm near Independence, Ohio, and in the spring of 1861 drove across the country to Amboy township of Fulton county. He rented here for three years, then bought eighty acres of timbered land. To provide a home for his family he built a log cabin in the midst of the woods, and he worked hard to get the land under cultivation and give his farm the improvements he desired. He died on the old homestead and his widow remained with her son William B. until her death some years later.

William Bennett Cook was the youngest of his parents' children. He was ten years of age when he came to Fulton county, and his education was derived from common schools. As a boy he was trained in habits of industry and has relied upon that quality to give him the success he has earned. On March 17, 1876, he married Mary Esther Grimm. Mrs. Cook was born in Lucas township, Ohio, a daughter of Frederick and Harriet (Brainer) Grimm, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Cook passed away November 27, 1914. On May 27, 1919, Mr. Cook married Albertina Mohr, daughter of Simon and Louisa Ortgen, who were born in Germany. Three years after his first marriage Mr. Cook bought the old Grimm homestead of fifty acres. Only part of it was cleared and improved and the farm as it stands today is largely a monument to Mr. Cook's personal labors and management. He built all the present buildings. Later he bought the old home place of his father from the other heirs, so that he owns 130 acres, all devoted to crops except twenty acres in timber. Here he continued his active work as a farmer until about 1909, since which date he has taken life somewhat at leisure, and his son now rents the farm. Mr. Cook has served as principal of his township and is a republican voter.

He and his wife have had four children: Dallas B., of Pike township, Robert, of Amboy township, Alice, who died at the age of nine months, and Arnold at home.

Reuben A. Smith. In 1839 John Smith, of London, England, came with his family to Guelph, Canada, and settled on land secured from the English Crown. Here his son, Reuben J. Smith, a school teacher, met a teacher in the Toronto Normal, Esther Emma Clarke by name, the daughter of Rev. John Clarke, a minister of the Baptist Church. The two were united in marriage, settling near Guelph on the farm of Reuben J. Smith's mother, by this time a widow. Later they moved to Elora, Ontario, where Mr. Smith entered the drug business.

Here the subject of our sketch, Reuben A. Smith, was born in 1863. When fourteen years of age, Reuben A. completed the course in the Elora High School and passed his entrance into Toronto University. He worked in his father's drug store until he moved to Tuscola county, Michigan. In Tuscola county Mr. Smith became of age and thus became a citizen of the United States. Mr. Smith purchased a drug store at Mayville, Michigan. In this town he met Margaret E. D'Arcy, daughter of William and Mary (McLaughlin) D'Arcy, both of Irish descent. On March 11, 1885, they were united in marriage, and to this union was born one daughter, Myrtle E., wife of Bert A. Crockett.

Later, "R. A.", as he is known to his friends, sold his store at Mayville and for several years clerked in several towns in Michigan. In 1893 he moved to Morenci, Michigan, and lived there for five years, when he bought out the drug store of E. C. Porter & Son at Weston, Michigan, Mr. Smith successfully conducted the drug business there until September, 1902, when he moved his stock to Metamora. Since that time he has built up a splendid business in Metamora, adding groceries, crockery, jewelry, silverware, wallpaper, books and stationery to his line. His store is known as one of the finest in northwestern Ohio. Mr. Smith is a pharmaceutical chemist, registered in both Michigan and Ohio. Beginning as a drug clerk, later as proprietor of a business of his own, and for eighteen years a successful merchant at Metamora, Reuben A. Smith is a Fulton county citizen who has made good use of his opportunities.

He is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Lyons, and the Council at Wauseon. For eights years he has been a member of the Metamora town council and is now serving his fifth term. A good business man, he has proved an equally good citizen and the people of Metamora and vicinity know and respect him as such.

Melvin J. Whitcomb. The Whitcomb family story began in Fulton county in 1864, when the parents of Melvin J. Whitcomb of Pike bought some wild land and made a farm of it. They came from Huron county. He was born November 9, 1852, a son of Samuel B. and Mary Jane (Thomas) Whitcomb. They had come from Herkimer county, New York, to Huron county, Ohio. They were married in Huron county. The paternal grandparents, Hiram and Hannah Whitcomb, also came to Huron county. He died there March 25, 1858, while she lived until July 17, the centennial year.

When Samuel B. Whitcomb came to Fulton county in 1864 he bought 120 acres in the brush and much of the time under water. It had to be cleared and drained, and that was the beginning of the Whitcomb activities in Fulton county. He paid five dollars an acre for this land fourteen years after Fulton was an organized county. Mr. Whitcomb erected the necessary farm buildings and added to the land until he had 210 acres of well improved farm land under cultivation. The wife died October 31, 1895, and he died March 7, two years later. Their children are: Melvin J. Whitcomb, who relates the family story; Fred, deceased, February 18, 1917, survived by his wife, Emma Raymond Whitcomb, and two children; Bertha M., wife of Clarence Senior; and Howard who lives with his mother.

M. J. Whitcomb inherited part of the Whitcomb family homestead and has always lived there. He does general farming and dairying, and has comfortable surroundings. On April 23, 1881, he married Catharine Stukey, of Archbold. She was born there July 15,

1862, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Gigax) Stukey. The father came from France and the mother from Switzerland. The paternal grandparents, Peter and Catharine (Yoder) Stukey, were early settlers in Fulton county. The grandfather, Godfrey Gigax, lived in Archbold in an early day. They were all emigrants to America. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Whitcomb are: Viola, wife of Earl Holmes, of Clayton; Cora, wife of Harry Cooley, of Wolf Creek, Michigan; Ethel, at home; Herbert, of Pike, married Hazel Smith, and they have one daughter, Catharine; Charles and Ora were both soldiers in the war of the nations, the latter being in the Army of Occupation in Germany; Ruby and Elton are at home with their parents.

Mr. Whitcomb votes with the republican party, and for eight years he has been a member of the board of education in Pike township. Mrs. Whitcomb is a member of the Disciples Church. For more than half a century the Whitcomb family has been identified with the history of Fulton county.

Twelve years of age when brought to Fulton county, Melvin J. Whitcomb as he grew to manhood gained a true appreciation of his individual responsibilities, and his own efforts have supplemented those of his family in redeeming a portion of the wilderness and creating the great agricultural prosperity that Fulton county enjoys today. While he can properly find satisfaction in the work and circumstances of his own career, he also looks back with gratitude to what his father did before him, and also feels a commendable pride in his own children, particularly in the sons who joined the colors and are veterans of the World war.

Romeo D. Mizer. It was the lot of Romeo D. Mizer of "Mount Pleasant Farm" in Fulton county to come again to the old homestead of the Mizer family. He was born December 8, 1876, in Pike township. He is a son of Jacob S. and Delilah (Shrock) Mizer, the father from Coshocton and the mother from Holmes county. The father was a soldier in Company G, Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and soon after his discharge from the army they were married, and in 1866 they invested in eighty acres of land in Pike township, Fulton county. In time they added sixteen acres to the farm.

In 1908 Jacob S. Mizer retired to Delta, and died December 20, 1918, and his wife still lives in Delta. Their children are: Julia Ann, wife of Rev. Clayton Hopkins, of Wauseon; Martha, wife of William Harmon, of Delta; Romeo D. Mizer, of "Mount Pleasant Farm;" William Andrew, of Pike; and Lelia, wife of Clarence Ohlinger, of York.

When he was twenty-one Mr. Mizer hired out on farms by the month until in the spring of 1900, when he married Cora Gardener, of Royalton township. She is a daughter of Watson and Alice (Snyder) Gardener. Their first investment was in a twenty-acre place in Pike, and a few years later they sold it and bought the old Mizer farm—Mount Pleasant Farm. He has improved the farm and has modern buildings on it. Their children are: Paul Watson, Roy Sidney and Ethelyn Mae. The Mizers belong to the United Brethren Church, of which he is a trustee and the chorister. He is republican, and was for six years a member of the school board. He was a member of the committee on the sale of Liberty Bonds, and is a member of Aetna Grange.

JOHN B. VIERS. Pike township has been the home of the Viers family since the coming of James Viers, the grandfather of John B. Viers. Born in Pike in January, 1871, John B. Viers is a son of James E. and Sarah E. (Dunbar) Viers, the parents both natives of Fulton county. James Viers entered the land that is now the Viers family homestead.

The maternal grandparents, Boyd and Rachel (Fitzsimmons) Dunbar, were also early settlers in Pike township. He died in 1883, while she lived until 1902, in the community. The children born to James E. and Sarah E. Viers are: Owen, of Wauseon; Della, wife of William Mickle of Detroit; John B., of Pike; Harvey C., of Toledo; and Nellie, wife of Freeman Geesey, of Toledo.

J. B. Viers married Mary A. Cole on June 1, 1891. She is a daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Louisa (Jones) Cole, of Pike, both Ohio people and the mother a native of Fulton county. She was born in Dover township. She died in 1888, while Mr. Cole died in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Viers lived at the family homestead until the second marriage of his mother to Joseph Bloom, and later he bought out the heirs and again took up his residence there. Finally he traded this farm for sixty acres where he lives today. He has drained and improved the place and has a Holstein dairy there.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Viers are: Cloid, of Lucas county, who married Lola DeLong. They have five children: Thora, Doris, Orma, Wayne and Russell. Ruby B. is a resident of Toledo. Sela is the wife of Leonard Stolte, of Dearborn, Michigan. They have one son, William J. Stolte.

Mr. Viers is a republican and for fifteen years he served as constable in Pike township. He is a member of the Ottokee Arbor of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. James E. Viers was a Civil war soldier. He first enlisted in Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the 100 days' service, and was discharged October 27, 1862, and on February 21, 1864, he re-enlisted in Company K, Sixth Ohio Cavalry. He received his final discharge June 27, 1865, —the end of the war.

MELVIN HINKLE, of Royalton, has lived in one place all of his life, still owning part of the original Hinkle farm where he was born April 23, 1846. He is a son of Ephraim and Ruth (Welch) Hinkle, the mother a native of Royalton. Ephraim was a son of John and Huldah Hinkle, and their home was in Cayuga county, New York. The other grandparents, George and Ruth Welch, came from New York, and were early settlers in Royalton. They entered land and made a farm in the community.

When Ephraim Hinkle was married he and his wife settled on land owned today by Melvin Hinkle. Their children are: Melvin, who relates the family story; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Mann. Ephraim Hinkle married Susan Horton, and there is one son, Stephen, of Royalton.

Melvin Hinkle enlisted April 9, 1861, in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac. Discharged from the army the same fall, he returned to Royalton. In 1867 he married Hannah Carpenter, of Royalton. She was a daughter of James and Cordelia Carpenter, of New York. He lives on twenty acres of the Hinkle family homestead.

The children of this marriage are: Delia, deceased; Arthur, deceased; Lewis, of Redford, Michigan; Ernest, of Detroit; La Vern,

wife of Ira Smith, who lives with her father; Harry, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Mrs. Ruth Drum, who lives in Toledo. Mr. Hinkle is a republican, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge of Lyons, and of the Baxter Post No. 238, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lyons.

Thus briefly are recounted some of the facts of a long life. There is a particular interest attaching to the career of Melvin Hinkle as one of the oldest living native sons of Royalton. His service as a Civil war soldier, the many years he devoted to agriculture on the old homestead, and his public-spirited part in community affairs all justify a record of this honorable citizen in the history of Fulton county.

JOHN R. CLENDENIN. It was in the American Centennial year—September 26, 1876, that a child was born on the line between Fulton and Lucas counties, in Amboy. He is a son of Leverett H. and Cornelia (Tredway) Clendenin, the father from York State. His parents, John and Phoebe Ann (Hackett) Clendenin, came early to the vicinity of Metamora, and thus John R. Clendenin is a native of Fulton county. Reuben and Nancy Tredway were also New York people who came early to Fulton county. As the story books say: "It was the union of two of our early families," when Leverett H. Clendenin married Cornelia Tredway.

After the Clendenin-Tredway marriage the young people settled on a farm in Amboy. While he was not a natural born farmer, he was a horse dealer and had his part in securing electric railroads, etc.; doing many things to advance the interests of the community. Mr. Clendenin was one of the early builders of stone abutments for bridges, and was always a little in advance of the time in which he lived—was always just a little ahead of the procession in general progress. His wife died in 1912, and he died four years later.

The children in the Clendenin family are: Anna, wife of George Potter, of Metamora; Minnie, who died at the age of eighteen; John R., who relates the family history; and Morris, of Swanton.

On November 30, 1899, J. R. Clendenin married Emma Viola Kahle. She was a daughter of David Milton and Emma (Horton) Kahle. They lived in Richfield township, Lucas county, Ohio, although both were natives of Pennsylvania. J. R. Clendenin settled on a small farm in the extreme northeast corner of Amboy, which is the corner of Fulton county, on a forty that Mr. Clendenin had purchased from his father. It was only partly improved, and he soon exchanged it for property in Metamora.

When Mr. Clendenin removed to Metamora he worked by the day for one year. He then secured a place at the grain elevator and remained there four years. He then worked one year for the Metamora Hardware Company, and returned to the position at the elevator where he remained for three years. On January 1, 1912, he became associated with the Lyons Grain and Coal Company. He has an interest in the business and remains as manager.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clendenin are: Hope Minnie, Emma Fay, Lorin Rex (who died at the age of eleven months), and John Max. Mr. Clendenin "saves his country" by voting with the republican party. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 434, and Lyons Chapter No. 175. The family belongs to the Church of Christ in Lyons.

Frederick A. Slater, who has the distinction of having been in business continuously in Lyons longer than any other man, is from Vermont: "Among the mountain trees, Vermont's Green Mountain Boys." It was August 10, 1843, that he was born in Essex, Chittenden county, Vermont. The Slaters were early settlers in Vermont. Augustus Slater was born there in 1802, and Laura D. (Littlefield) Slater was born in 1809—the year Lincoln was born, and they both died where they had always lived, his death occurring January 25, 1868, while she lived on until April 12, 1904—almost four years into the Twentieth century. The Slaters one generation further back—Ezra and Perthenia Slater—were born in Connecticut, the Wooden Nutmeg state, and the Littlefields of that generation—Daniel and Mariam Littlefield—were born in Massachusetts. Daniel Littlefield was a soldier in the second war with England, the war of 1812, and the military spirit has been transmitted through the generations. Frederick A. Slater, of Lyons, enlisted September 10, 1862, in Company F, Thirteenth Vermont Infantry, going into the Civil war as a musician, and there is no gainsaying the part music had in swaying the results of that struggle. He was mustered out of the service July 21, 1863, and reenlisted in Company I, Sixth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, December 24, 1863, and on June 26, 1865, he was finally mustered out of the service.

Mr. Slater was in the famous three days' battle of Gettysburg, and July 3, 1863, he was deafened in his left ear by the explosion of a shell, which was a permanent injury to him. At the close of the war he returned to Vermont, but in September he went to Middleville, Michigan, to visit a sister, and later he attended school in Grand Rapids, where he studied bookkeeping for a time, and in November of that year he started learning the harness maker's trade—a business he has since followed with success. He served his apprenticeship in Berlin, Michigan, and in 1866 he returned to the home of his sister at Middleville, and was married.

On April 10, 1867, Mr. Slater married Cynthia S. Chappell, of Wayland, Michigan. She was born December 30, 1846, at Manchester, Ontario county, New York. She is a daughter of James G. and Eliza S. (Butts) Chappell, and in the next generation her ancestry were Elias and Charity (Freeman) Chappell, and Pardon Butts.

After his marriage Mr. Slater located in Morenci, Michigan, remaining there only one summer, when, on account of the illness of relatives, he and his wife removed to Vermont, but after the death of his father, January 25, 1868, they returned to Fulton county, locating in Chesterfield. Mr. Slater and a brother-in-law, A. F. Chappell, farmed together one year, and in 1870 Mr. Slater came to Lyons as a journeyman harness maker. In August, 1872, he went into business for himself at Lyons, and he has remained in this business to the present day. Mr. Slater voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and has voted the republican ticket ever since.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Slater are Laura, wife of Frank H. Ferrand, of Essex, Vermont; Mervin W., of Columbus, Ohio; Cora M., who died in childhood; James W., of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Edith M., wife of William Kelley, of Morenci, Michigan; Vera E., who died in young womanhood; Carlos B., who is associated with his father, and Roy N., of Lyons.

Mr. Slater secured an education in the Vermont district school and at Essex Academy. In 1883 he was elected township clerk, and since then he has held the office, aside from a vacancy of four years.

While William McKinley was governor of Ohio he appointed Mr. Slater a notory public, and he does not allow the commission to expire. Mr. Slater is a charter member of Baxter Post, G. A. R., of Lyons, and since 1882 he has served as quartermaster.

Mr. Slater is a member of Royalton Union Lodge No. 434, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Lyons Chapter No. 175, Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of Wauseon Royal and Select Masters No. 68, and has served as secretary of the Free and Accepted Masons and Royal Arch Masons for many years. Few men are more active in fraternity circles than Mr. Slater.

An honored veteran of the Civil war, a resident of Fulton county more than half a century, a veteran in the business and civil life of Lyons, and with an interesting record of social, civic and fraternal affiliations, Frederick A. Slater comes to old age with a serene consciousness of duty performed and many obligations fulfilled.

Wayne Carpenter. The western history of the Carpenter family of which Wayne Carpenter of Royalton is a representative, had its beginning in Lenawee county, Michigan, as early as 1828, when Samuel Carpenter, who was the grandfather of Wayne Carpenter, located there. While his parents, Mordecai and Caroline (Foster) Carpenter, came from New York, they grew up in Michigan, and when they were married they settled in Ohio, and on January 29, 1846, Wayne Carpenter was born in the community where he lives today.

The Foster ancestry came a few years later from New York to Michigan, and here their daughter Caroline married into the Carpenter family. Mordecai and Caroline Carpenter first moved to Willow Prairie, in Indiana, but there were so many Indians there that they soon returned to Michigan and later they crossed the Michigan-Ohio border into Fulton county. Here they bought land and from this home he was called as a soldier into the Mohawk wars. His father, Samuel Carpenter, had been a soldier in the second war with England, in 1812.

In the early history of the Carpenter family there were three brothers who located in Rhode Island, but they separated and went into different directions, Samuel Carpenter being descended from the one who located in New York, and who lived and died in the vicinity of Niagara Falls. Mordecai Carpenter died in Michigan in 1852, and his wife in 1864. Their children were Ebenezer, George and Addie, deceased, leaving Wayne Carpenter alone.

In March, 1864, Mr. Carpenter enlisted as a Civil war soldier in Company F. Sixty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He served in the Army of the James, and received his discharge in September, 1865. He returned to Fulton county, and in 1871 he went to Newton and Shedrick City, Kansas, where he spent a season on a ranch. Later he went to Fairfield, Michigan, and worked in a lumber camp.

In August, 1878, Mr. Carpenter married Elizabeth Cox. She is a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Cox, and was born at Lincolnshire, England, March 16, 1860. He then settled in Lyons, Ohio, where he worked as a brick and stone mason, and as a plasterer. He followed his trade many years, but since 1914 he has been living in comparative retirement in Lyons. There is one son, Thomas Edgar Carpenter, born April 29, 1899, at Lyons, Ohio, now employed in Toledo.

Mr. Carpenter votes the democratic ticket, and is an exponent of

the Universalist religion. He is a member of the Grand Army Republic, Baxter Post No. 238, also a member of the Independent Order Odd Fellows, lodge No. 622, of Lyons, and for twenty-two years he has served as its financial secretary.

E. A. Seeley. When he graduated from the Metamora High School, E. A. Seeley became cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Metamora, and has always filled that position of trust and responsibility in the community. He was born March 8, 1894, and has always lived in Metamora. He is a son of Fred A. and Elizabeth (Frail) Seeley.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank of which Mr. Seeley is cashier was founded in July, 1901, with M. Lochbihler, president; F. A. Seeley, vice-president; F. E. Brodbeck, second vice-president, and Mr. Seeley, cashier. In November, 1913, Mr. Seeley married Carrie Ford, of Berkey, Lucas county. She is a daughter of L. L. Ford, who came to Lucas county in 1850, and who still owns his original farm of 350 acres there. The children are Frederick L., Margaret J. and Virginia M.

The Seeleys belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Seeley is a member of the official board, and treasurer of the Centenary fund. He is a member of the Metamora School Board, and is serving his second term as city treasurer of Metamora. He is secretary-treasurer of the Civic League of Metamora, and secretary of the Metamora Telephone Company. Mr. Seeley is a member and the financial secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 875, of Metamora. Few young men are connected more intimately with the social and business life of any community.

Charles J. Malone, assistant cashier of the Home Savings Bank, Metamora, Ohio, is a son of John and Mary (Brenner) Malone. He was born April 5, 1895, at Swanton, Ohio. The family were residents later of Metamora. His father, John Malone, was editor and publisher of the Metamora Record, and knew all about the business connected with issuing a weekly newspaper. As he was growing up C. J. Malone assisted his father in the printing office, but in 1915 he came as assistant cashier to the Home Savings Bank of Metamora.

The Home Savings Bank was organized in 1901 as a private bank, with E. S. DaVoll, president; Horace Tredway, vice president, and H. H. Tredway, cashier. Mr. Malone is now assistant cashier. He was educated in the Metamora High School and belongs to the Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Toledo and of the Knights of the Maccabees. He was in military service from August, 1918, to February, 1919, stationed at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, Headquarters Company, One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Infantry, Ninth Division. He was chairman of the Sales Committee through four Liberty Loan drives, chairman of the Returned Soldiers Committee, Amboy township, during the Victory Loan campaigns, assistant scout master of Troop No. 1, Metamora Boy Scouts, and clerk of the Village of Metamora. Mr. Malone married Bernice Noble, of Lyons, Ohio, October 22, 1919.

Anson Willson. The late Anson Willson, who was born February 3, 1845, in the territorial days of Fulton county, in what is now Fulton township, and who died April 20, 1914, at the family homestead in Amboy township, is commemorated in the Fulton county annals by his son, Burton Willson, who resides with his mother at the old homestead.

Anson Willson was a son of Martin and Jane (Fullerton) Willson, the father from Clark county, Ohio, and the mother from York county Pennsylvania. The grandfather, Nathan Willson, was born in New York and came to Pike township in 1834, where he entered land from the United States government, and thus Burton Willson is in the fourth generation of the Willson family in Fulton county. The maternal grandfather, Robert Fullerton, came from Pennsylvania in 1840 and settled in Swanton township, Lucas county. The ancestry of Burton Willson were early residents of northwestern Ohio.

Anson Willson was a college man and an educator in the early history of Fulton county. He attended Adrian College, and he taught school for twelve years. He resided in Fulton township until 1882, when he removed to Amboy. As early as 1876 he had bought an eighty acre tract in the timber, and he improved it. Mr. Willson was a republican and served the community as justice of the peace, township trustee, member of the board of education, etc., and he was a good man in the community.

On May 12, 1870, Anson Willson married Susannah Stout. She is a daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Johnson) Stout, and was born May 12, 1849, in the territory now known as Fulton township. The children in the Willson family are: Burton and Gertrude, the latter the wife of Samuel Shug, of Pike township. The Willsons are members of the Reformed Church, and their family history is closely related to the history of Fulton county. The Willson name was in the territory before the organization of Fulton county.

To the readers of this article will be indicated briefly some of the facts that justify the high place of honor assigned the Willson family in the history of Fulton county. The family annals running back in this one locality more than eighty-five years, there are only a few other names whose record antedates that of the Willsons. They were not only among the early settlers, but, as the record shows, were among the earnest, hard-working and intelligent citizens. During his long life Mr. Anson Willson abundantly proved the abilities and the fine qualities in his character.

Hiram Arthur Smallman is readily identified in the citizenship of Fulton county as one of the men who have made a success in farming and in the performance of all the duties imposed by his relationship in his community of Amboy township through a long period of years.

Mr. Smallman has spent most of his life in Fulton county, but was born in Lagrange township of Lorain county, Ohio, May 28, 1858. He is a son of John and Josephine (Dernier) Smallman. His father, a native of Dublin, Ireland, was brought to this country by his parents, Frank and Elizabeth (Roycraft) Smallman, who in 1842 settled in Medina county, Ohio. From there John Smallman moved to Lorain county, and married Josephine Dernier, a daughter of Frank and Cynthia (Robbins) Dernier. John Smallman left his wife and family to enlist in the army during the Civil war, and paid the full sacrifice for his patriotism, being wounded in battle and dying while in the army. His widow then married Nathaniel Parent, and about 1864 they moved to Fulton county, locating in Royalton township. In 1879 Mr. and Mrs. Parent moved to Amboy township, where he died in the fall of 1915. The widowed mother, who was born October 9, 1839, is still living, making her

home with Hiram A. Smallman, her oldest child. Her other child by her first marriage is Frank Eugene Smallman, also of Amboy township. By her second marriage she had two children: Cynthia, Mrs. Burton Eldred, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Benjamin, of Toledo.

Hiram Arthur Smallman was about six years old when brought to Fulton county, and he attended the common schools here and also the Normal School at Wauseon. At the age of twenty-one he started farming on a place he owned in Fulton township, and after his marriage a few years later moved to a farm of seventy-one acres in section 30, of Amboy township. He has since enlarged his farm to a hundred three acres, partly in section 19 and partly in section 30. The barn has been rebuilt, the house remodeled and rebuilt, and the place for a number of years has been regarded as a model of cultivation and good management. Seventy-one acres are under cultivation, while the rest is timber and pasture. In connection with general farming Mr. Smallman has always operated more or less as a dairyman.

He has always tried to do his part as a good citizen, served one term as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board, is a republican voter, and has held the office of trustee, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

February 28, 1883, Mr. Smallman married Eva Louise Blaine, who was born in Amboy township, a daughter of Benjamin and Elmina (Robb) Blaine. Her father was also born in Amboy and was a member of the old and prominent pioneer Blaine family, while her mother was a native of Medina county. Mr. and Mrs. Smallman have one daughter, Florence Elsie, now Mrs. Edward Lane, living in the Smallman home. Mrs. Lane by a former marriage has a son, Arthur L. Thompson.

Ernest Frank Hanson, deceased, was secretary and treasurer of the E. F. Hanson Company, Incorporated, of Wauseon, Ohio, the owners of the largest grain and elevator business in Fulton county. He was one of the substantial business men of the city. He had taken much part in public affairs, was well-regarded by the citizens in general, had been a city councilman for four years, and was defeated by only one vote when he sought the mayor's office in 1917 in the democratic interest. It will therefore be recognized that he was a man of consequence and enviable place among the people of Fulton county, Ohio.

He was born in Norwalk, Ohio, in June, 1882, the son of William C. and Sophia (Reber) Hanson. The Hanson family is of German origin, but three generations have now had residence in America. William C., father of Ernest F., settled at Norwalk, Ohio, and their home was maintained at that place from that time. Ernest F. spent practically the whole of his years of minority there, attended the Norwalk Elementary School, and was a high school student for two years. Entering business life, he began to learn the trade of tanning, but before he was out of his apprenticeship forsook that calling and became a machinist, working in several local machine shops and finishing in New York City. After some time spent in Elkhart, Indiana, where he worked at his trade, he came to Wauseon in 1901, with capital sufficient to enter business, in partnership with Frank Bartlett, as grain and feed dealers, the

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firm getting good elevator capacity. The business was successful almost from the outset, and a substantial volume of trading was done. In 1910 Mr. Hanson acquired the interest of his partner, and the firm name eventually changed from that of Bartlett and Hanson to that of E. F. Hanson Company. It was incorporated in 1914, with Mr. Hanson practically the sole owner, and in control of its affairs as secretary and treasurer. He had developed a very substantial business, having the largest elevator capacity in the district and having a large country trade.

Mr. Hanson proved himself to be a man of reliability in business and in private affairs. He had a solid standing in the city, as was evidenced in 1917 when he sought election as mayor, being defeated by the republican candidate by only one vote. For four years he was a city councilman and in national politics he was always a staunch democrat. He was, fraternally, a member of the Wauseon Blue Lodge of Masons, and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias order. A congregationalist, Mr. Hanson was a member of the Wauseon Congregational Church for many years. And, generally, in almost all phases of the affairs of the community he showed an intelligent interest, generous in support of all projects he might consider to promise good for the community. Mr. Hanson passed away October 20, 1919.

On September 11, 1907, Mr. Hanson married Katherine, daughter of D. O. and Harriet (Mead) Woodward, of Norwalk. Three children have been born to them: Harriet Ruth, Charles Willard, who was born in 1911, and Gretchen. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson gained many sincere friends since they came to live in Wauseon, and have always been very hospitable.

Justin Bartlett. Usually the pioneers have gone the way of the world when the third and fourth generations are holding the boards in any community. Justin Bartlett, of Amboy, looks backward over two generations, and in his household are children in the fourth generation of the Bartlett family in Fulton county. Mr. Bartlett was born December 26, 1867, in Amboy, and for more than half a century he has lived in one community. He is a son of Hiram Russell and Mary Jane (Dennis) Bartlett, the father having been born in Toledo and the mother in Spencer township, Lucas county. Mr. Bartlett is also in the third generation of the Dennis family in northwestern Ohio.

The Bartlett name was brought to Fulton county by Hiram and Mary Ann (Fisher) Bartlett from New York. They were among the early settlers in Amboy, having entered land and secured a patent or government sheepskin from President Martin Van Buren. The maternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary Dennis, who came early to Lucas county, were also from New York state. When H. R. Bartlett married into the Dennis family he settled on land in Amboy that had been entered from the government by his father, Hiram Bartlett, whose name he carried into the next generation. He died January 16, 1917, and his wife had preceded him in death several years.

Justin Bartlett was the oldest son born in the third generation of Bartletts in Fulton county. A brother, Ralph, lives in Toledo, and Clarence lives in Adrian, Michigan. Marion, Evaline and Wayne are numbered among the dead in the Bartlett family. Mr. Bartlett has always lived at the place of his birth, buying some of the land from his father, and he has remodeled the house and added necessary

farm buildings. He now owns one hundred twenty acres of the old homestead and is building a modern house on it.

On November 30, 1890, Mr. Bartlett married Emma L. Weeks, of Pike township. She is a daughter of Virgil and Ruth (Fewels) Weeks. Their children are: Marie, widow of Lloyd Pfaff; Hollie, at home; Marjorie, wife of Fred Cameron, of Toledo, and Fern, Harry and Hal. Mr. Bartlett is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees of Metamora, and for many years he has served as constable in the community. He is the republican member of the Amboy township Board of Education.

His management of public affairs has well justified the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. In the improvement of the home farm he has made his efforts supplement those of the preceding generation, and his own children are now doing work that he did for his own parents thirty or forty years ago. Altogether it is possible to say that the substantial qualities of the Bartlett family are among the best assets of citizenship possessed by Fulton county.

John Fremont Hartell. The political seer will not think twice before he discovers the reason why John Fremont Hartell was named John Fremont, when he learns that the man was born July 4, 1856, and that he is a republican. The republican party came into existence that year, and John C. Fremont was its first presidential candidate. Mr. Hartell is a son of John Beaver and Ellen (McGary) Hartell, and he was born in Hardin county. The father was born on the Pennsylvania side of the Ohio River and the mother in Wheeling, West Virginia. Jesse McGary was Irish and his wife was English, but the Hartell strain in his family relation is "Pennsylvania Dutch."

When J. B. Hartell was married he settled near LaRue, Ohio, and in 1861 he moved to Marseilles; in 1863 he moved to Allen county, near Lima, and two years later to Pike township, Fulton county. He bought a farm in Pike and two years later he traded it for land in Amboy that had been chopped over, and he cleared and improved it. The Amboy place required draining, and he did it. He died there in May, 1895, while his wife died November 19, 1903, at the family homestead. Their children were: Lucurgus, who died in infancy; Theoda Linda, deceased; Augusta, widow of Albert Bowker, of Oklahoma; John Fremont; and Minnie, deceased.

Mr. Hartell has remained in one place since coming to the old homestead, where there are excellent farm improvements. On December 31, 1885, he married Clara Wright. She was born April 3, 1866, in Amboy, and is a daughter of George and Ann (Parr) Wright. The Wrights were born and married in England, and they were among the early settlers in Fulton county.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright are: Edward, of Amboy township; William, of Lucas county; James, of Toledo; Clara, who is the wife of Mr. Hartell; Brainard, of Prairie Depot; Ralph, of Cincinnati, and Arthur of Amboy township.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hartell are: Mildred, wife of J. M. Burroughs, of Royalton, Maynard and Elbert, at home, and Maude, the wife of Oliver Hable, of Fulton township. Mr. and Mrs. Hartell had common school advantages and have looked after the education of the next generation.

The Hartell homestead in Amboy township possesses that dignity due to long and continuous occupation by one family. For upwards of forty years its fields have responded to the intelligent

efforts of its present proprietor, who ranks as one of the progressive farmers of the neighborhood. He has been cultivating the soil of that one place practically ever since he left school, and by the capable handling of his farms, and by the rearing of a family, he has well earned a high place among the citizens of Fulton county.

EDWARD G. WRIGHT. George and Ann (Parr) Wright were English immigrants to America. They were born in Lincolnshire and immigrated in 1867, coming direct to Fulton county. They settled in Fulton township, but soon moved to Amboy. Their son, Edward G. Wright, of Amboy, relates the family history. They bought land in the timber and cleared it and made a farm of it. Mr. Wright died there in 1912, and at the advanced age of eighty-five years Mrs. Wright still lives at the family homestead.

The children born in the Wright family are: Edward G. Wright, of Amboy; William, of Toledo; James R., of Toledo; Clara, wife of John Hartell, of Amboy; Brainard, of Prairie Depot; Ralph, of Cincinnati, and Arthur, of the home place in Amboy. When he was twelve years old Edward G. Wright began working out by the month, and when he was twenty-five he had saved enough to buy forty acres. There was only seven acres cleared and the rest was under water.

Mr. Wright set about improving the land by drainage and buildings and adding more land until he now has one hundred twenty acres, with ninety-five acres under cultivation. The remainder is wood land, which he uses for pasture. On January 4, 1867, Mr. Wright married Ida Mohr, of Amboy. She is a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Greisinger) Mohr, the father from Germany and the mother a native of Fulton township. Their children are Clara, wife of Alfred Gunn, of Amboy; Ivan, at home; Lelia, wife of Graydon Loar, of Lenawee county, Michigan, and LaVern, at home with the parents.

Mr. Wright went to the common school, and as a man he has served as a member of the school board. He votes the republican ticket. While his father was English and his father-in-law was German, there is no question about his Americanism. The family belongs to the Methodist Church and he is a member of the board of stewards.

FRANK ELLSWORTH BRODBECK, of "The Pioneer Home" in Amboy, has the same lineal descent as F. E. Brodbeck, being a son of John and Mary (Myers) Brodbeck. He remained at the family homestead where he was born, April 18, 1869, as long as the father and mother lived, and he bought eighty acres and later inherited forty acres of it. Mr. Brodbeck has 120 acres of well improved farm land, and "The Pioneer Home" tells the whole story.

There is a brick farm house, placed at "The Pioneer Home" by John Brodbeck, and it has descended to the son, unlike some of the old homesteads that go to strangers when it comes to a division of an estate. On November 26, 1907, Mr. Brodbeck married Rosanna Iffland, a daughter of Adam and Louise (Reichardt) Iffland, an immigrant family from Germany. Their children are: Ellsworth Frank, deceased at the age of six years; Wilford, August 5, 1912; Marvin, born November 25, 1916; and Marie Louise, December 26, 1918.

Mr. Brodbeck is independent in politics. He is a member of the Independent Order Odd Fellows of Metamora.

Mr. Brodbeck has the industry which has been a dominant characteristic of the Brodbecks through all the long years they have lived in Fulton county. He has made his industry productive of a good home and other evidences of material prosperity, and he is a believer in comfortable living, well being, and has exemplified a commendable degree of public spirit in all his relations with his community.

JOHN SAUNDERS BOYES. There is Scotch blood in the Boyes family represented by John Saunders Boyes, of Royalton, although his own birth occurred in March, 1875, in Virginia. He is a son of Alexander and Jessie (Saunders) Boyes, who in 1866 immigrated from Scotland, settling in Virginia, where they lived until 1883, when they removed to Fulton county. The family lived for a time in Chesterfield. The father had been married before his marriage to Jessie Saunders. In 1906 he died at the home in Chesterfield.

On November 25, 1900, John S. Boyes married Bertha E. Todd. She was born September 30, 1877, and is a daughter of Oliver and Lucinda (Devereaux) Todd, of Chesterfield. The father was a native of Putnam while the mother was born in Lorain county, Ohio.

J. S. Boyes has lived in Chesterfield, Gorham and Royalton townships. When he was married he lived for two years on a small farm he owned in Chesterfield, when he sold it and moved to Gorham, where he remained eight and one-half years on a rented farm, from which he removed to his 120 acre farm, already partly improved, in Royalton. Mr. Boyes built a new barn and tiled and fenced the farm. He installed a hot air heating system in the house and otherwise improved the surroundings.

Mr. Boyes is a general farmer, giving special attention to pure bred Holstein cattle. While he only attended common school, Mrs. Boyes had high school advantages at Manton, Michigan. They are members of the Disciples Church of East Chesterfield, and since 1917 he has been president of the church board. For seven years he has served Royalton township on the Board of Education, and in 1920 was elected as township trustee. In politics he is a republican, and he holds membership in the Chesterfield Grange. There are two children: Lyle Jay and Juniata Lucile.

Coming to Fulton county a boy of eight years, growing up in the atmosphere of the country, Mr. Boyes has found success through the constant exercise of industry and self-reliance. His valuable farm, his home, his family, his relations with the community, are all measures of a commendable degree of success and indicates the esteem which he enjoys throughout his home township.

DEWITT C. CLEGHORN. There is New England blood in the veins of DeWitt C. Cleghorn, of Royalton, his father being a native of Massachusetts and the mother of Vermont. However, Mr. Cleghorn was born September 11, 1850, in Erie county, New York. His father, Zorester Cleghorn, was born in 1818 in Massachusetts, so that the name has been in the United States more than a century. He met his wife, Amy S. Hurd, in Erie county, New York, where he was a mason by trade. In 1858 they moved to Erie county, Ohio, and in 1884 they came with their son, D. C. Cleghorn, to Fulton county.

Mr. Cleghorn had invested in an eighty acre farm in Royalton, with only eighteen acres cleared, and he set about clearing and improving it. He still has a small tract in timber, and it is well known that a plot of timber adds to the value of a farm when it is offered on

the market. Mr. Cleghorn has purchased forty acres additional land across from the original homestead, and there is some timber still on it. In the way of reforestration he has set out catalpa and osage orange trees.

While general farming is carried on at the Cleghorn place, for many years he worked at the general mason trade in the community, his wife overseeing the farm while he was away from it. In May, 1890, he married Hattie L. Miller, of Pike township. She is a daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy (McQuillian) Miller, the father having come from Wayne county and the mother from Summerset, Pennsylvania. The children are: Flossie S., wife of Welcome Green, of Morenci, Michigan, and they have three children, Amelia Cleghorn, Evelyn Harriet and Elmer Smith. LaVon DeWitt, of Royalton, who married Martha Samlow, has two children, Ruth Amy and Harriett Jeannette, and they live in Royalton; and Lola Belle. Mr. Cleghorn votes the democratic ticket. He was educated in the high school at Berlin Heights.

The thirty-six years Mr. Cleghorn has spent in Fulton county he regards as the most productive period of his life. He has achieved a commendable degree of success and prosperity, largely by applying the rule of doing the duty that lies nearest at hand, and the esteem with which his name is spoken in Fulton county is an evidence of how well his duties have been performed and his responsibilities discharged.

Robert Perry Carpenter. There is a Michigan side to the life story of Robert Perry Carpenter, of Lyons. He was born in Fairfield township, Lenawee county, March 23, 1859, and he grew up there. His father, Reuben T. Carpenter, was a native of Orange county, New York. His mother, Rosanna (Upton) Carpenter, was born in Ireland. The Carpenters were early settlers in Lenawee county, the grandparents of R. P. Carpenter, James and Katie (Striker) Carpenter, having come there from New York. James Carpenter entered a section of virgin timber land which he cleared, and he has had his part in the development of Lenawee county.

James Carpenter was an old school Baptist minister, and he was a man of moral influence on the frontier. William and Charity (McConnell) Upton, the maternal grandparents of Mr. Carpenter, were early residents of Maumee, Ohio, and they later removed to Fairfield, Michigan. Reuben T. Carpenter and Rosanna Upton were married in Lenawee county and settled there, but in 1903 they removed to Huron, Michigan, and they later died there. Their children are: Lewis, of Silverwood, Michigan; Lorenzo, Ella and Emma, deceased; Robert Perry; and Adelia, wife of Dr. M. C. McDonald, of Bad Axe, Michigan.

On August 28, 1884, Mr. Carpenter married Hattie L. Holt, a daughter of Frederick and Jane (Gilmore) Holt, the father a native of Germany, while the mother was a Fulton county woman. They lived in Royalton. For ten years Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter lived on a farm in Lenawee county, Michigan, and finally they moved to Lyons. Mr. Carpenter engaged in the hardware business, but two years later he suffered the loss of his business through fire, and then he built the business block he now occupies today, where he conducts a general store.

The children in the Carpenter household are: Fred H., associated in business with his father, and Floyd O., of Lyons. Fred H. Carpenter married Nora Mullen. He has one son, Robert Clare. Floyd

O., married Hazel Wilson. The Carpenters are democrats, and R. P. Carpenter has served the community as a member of the City Council and as a director of the Board of Education. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic and Independent Order Odd Fellows lodges in Lyons, and the Knights of the Maccabees in Wauseon.

HARRY T. WILLEMAN. It is a compliment worthily bestowed to say that Fulton county is honored by the citizenship of Harry T. Willeman, of Clinton township, for he has achieved definite success through his own efforts and is thoroughly deserving of the proud American title of self-made man, the term being one that, in its better sense, cannot but appeal to the loyal admiration of all who are appreciative of our national institutions and the privileges afforded for individual accomplishment. It is a privilege, ever gratifying in this day and age, to meet a man who has the courage to face the battles of life with a strong heart and steady hand and to win in the stern conflict by bringing to bear only those forces with which nature has equipped him, industry, self-reliance and integrity.

Harry T. Willeman is a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born in Richland township, Defiance county, in 1876, and he is the son of Henry F. and Caroline Amanda (Overly) Willeman. These parents, whose entire lives have been devoted to farming pursuits, are descended from sturdy old Pennsylvania German stock, though the family has been established in America for many generations. The subject secured his education in the common schools which he attended during the winter months, his summers from the time he was large enough being devoted to work on the home farm. He assisted his father until twenty-two years of age, when he undertook to operate the home farm on his own account, continuing this until his marriage in 1899. He remained on the home farm a year longer, and then bought forty acres of land in Defiance county, to the operation of which he gave his attention during the following nine years, at the end of which period he sold that place and bought his present farm of forty-one acres, located in Clinton township, Fulton county, where he has resided continuously since 1907, and to which he has devoted himself indefatigably. His industry and good management have brought to him a well-deserved prosperity and today he is numbered among the enterprising and up-to-date agriculturists of his section of the county. His place is well improved in every respect, the farm buildings being of a substantial and attractive character, while the general appearance of the place is a credit to the owner. Mr. Willeman devotes himself to general farming, and also raises some livestock.

In 1899 Mr. Willeman was married to Mary Peter, the daughter of William and Eva (Yorges) Peter, of Henry county, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children, Alta May, Mabel Irene and Julia Elizabeth.

Politically Mr. Willeman is an independent democrat, reserving to himself the right, especially at local elections, to vote for whom he considers the best men regardless of strict party lines. His religious membership is with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wauseon. Personally he is a man of kindly and generous impulses, and deserves the respect which is accorded him because of his accomplishments and his high personal character.

GEORGE B. HARTMAN. Having undertaken the operation of sixty acres of fine farm land in Fulton county, George B. Hartman, of Clinton township, feels that he is making his work pay him a good

return on his efforts, and is satisfied with what he has accomplished so far, but has plans for advancement and the acquisition of more land in the future, as is but natural, for he is still a young man, having been born in Clinton township on October 10, 1887.

His grandfather, John Hartman, was brought to the United States by his parents when he was only six months old, they coming from Wurtemberg, Germany, and after their arrival in this country settlement was made near Wauseon, in Fulton county, and members of the Hartman family have been farmers ever since. The parents of George B. Hartman are Ira and Cannie (Bayes) Hartman, also farming people of Fulton county.

After acquiring a common school education George B. Hartman attended the Wauseon High School for a year, and then began farming. In 1913 he was married to Nora Gaiman, a daughter of William H. and Minerva (Turney) Gaiman, of Clinton township. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have no children. After his marriage Mr. Hartman spent two years on his father's farm and then took over the operation of the Gaiman homestead. Since coming to it Mr. Hartman has benefitted by its substantial improvements and takes a deep pride in its excellent condition. The neat buildings, all well adapted for their several purposes, well fenced fields, the many appliances and machinery for increasing the efficiency of the farming plant, all show that it is a place for a practical farmer and an industrious man and one who is carrying on this work as a regular business and not as a vocation until something better "turns up." This tendency on the part of some of the farmers to use their calling as but a make-shift, instead of bending every energy to making it a life work, is what has prejudiced some against an agricultural life. Naturally a man cannot expect to succeed if his heart is not in what he is doing. Farming is like any other kind of business, it must be carried on capably and by one who puts his interest in it along with his work, and then the results are readily amazing, gratifying and intensely interesting. Mr. Hartman is the latter kind of farmer, and that is the reason he is making such a success of his undertaking. Ever since casting his first vote he has been a republican, and sees no reason to change his political views.

Reuben E. Chase, who for many years has been identified in responsible capacity with the Gottshall Manufacturing Company, and latterly has been a stockholder and director of that corporation and general manager of their Archbold plant, is a man of good business ability, and one who since he has been in Archbold has manifested a helpful public-spiritedness.

He was born at the family homestead in Defiance county, Ohio, in 1859, the son of Charles and Charlotte (Felton) Chase. The Chase family, which originally was of English antecedents, is one of the noted colonial New England families. Its scions are numerously spread throughout the New England states, and many have had honorable and some quite a prominent place in American church, state or professional history. The branch to which Reuben E. Chase of Archbold belongs appears to have retained its ancestral sturdiness, and it was manifest in Charles Chase, father of Reuben. The early records shows the family as having originally settled at Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, and there Charles Chase was born. Prior to his marriage he followed the adventurous life of a whaler, but after he had married Charlotte Felton he settled in Buffalo, and for some years found occupation of maritime character on the great lakes.

Eventually his family crossed the lake to Ohio, and Charles Chase settled them in Adams township, Defiance county, where for the rest of his life he lived, following agriculture upon a farming property of forty acres he had purchased. There Reuben E. was born, and there he grew to manhood. He received elementary education in the country schools at West Ridge, attending school until he was in his nineteenth year, although he had for many years prior to that done much work on the home farm. By the time his schooling closed he was conversant with most of the operations of farming life, and was also a young man of strong purpose and steady mind. He and his brother Frederick farmed one hundred and twenty acres situated near to his father's property, and for five years they worked it jointly, after which Reuben went to Stryker, Williams county, where for the next two years he worked as a carpenter. He was twenty-five years old when he married, which event had its effect upon his plans, for soon after he had married he and his wife returned to Defiance county, and Reuben took a farm of eighty acres in Adams township. That property he worked for two seasons, at the end of which time he became connected with a sawmill and tile manufacturing enterprise at Bettsford, Williams county. He had acquired a one-half interest in that plant, and for the next five years he and his partner traded as Chase & Betts at Bettsford, which brought him to the time when he became associated with Mr. L. D. Gottshall, an extensive dealer in lumber. The partnership at Bettsford seems to have been dissolved by a division of interests, Mr. Chase taking the sawmill and his partner the tile plant. Next Mr. Chase with his sawmill was busily employed sawing lumber near Tedrow, Ohio, for Mr. Gottshall. And he had similar connection with Mr. Gottshall for twelve years at Farmers Center, Ohio. In 1901 he came to Archbold, where he has ever since lived. He is one of the principal stockholders of the Gottshall Manufacturing Company, and is a director and also general manager for all the interests of that company, which does an extensive lumber business. He has proved himself to be a business man of reliability, is enterprising and energetic, and is a good employer. He has not shown a very evident interest in political movements, and has never sought political office, but in the affairs of Archbold he has manifested a helpful interest, co-operating in most of the public movements of the place. He was mayor of Archbold for one term. By religious conviction he is a member of the Church of Christ. He has for many years been placed among the business leaders of Archbold, and during the war proved himself to be a whole-heartedly loyal citizen. He was very directly interested in the struggle, for one of his sons was in almost constant danger, crossing and recrossing the terrible submarine zone on one of the United States transports.

Mr. Chase married in 1885 Amelia Florence, daughter of Louis and Louise (Bourquin) Grim, whose home was near Archbold. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chase, but only two still survive. The surviving children are: Ray V., who is now twenty-six years old, lives in Archbold, and has married. He is an accomplished musician and during the time of war enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was assigned to the liner "Finland," then a transport, and as a member of the Marine Band of that ship he made eight trips across the Atlantic ocean, through the waters infested by the submarines. Fortunately the ship escaped and eventually young Chase received honorable discharge from the service. The other surviving child of Reuben E. and Amelia F. (Grim) Chase is the

daughter, Marjorie Louise, now thirteen years old. Their deceased child, Muriel Joy, died in 1908, at the age of twenty-one years. She had many friends and was of a bright, generous nature, and her death was a sad blow not only to her parents but to her many girl friends also. She had been well educated and seemed to be entering into a worthy womanhood when death took her. Mrs. Chase died September 3, 1913.

HARVEY KING, who has an appreciable automobile supply busines in Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, and is the owner of the King Garage of that place, is an energetic business man of good practical inclination, and in his automobile enterprises has given good service, in which way he has made very satisfactory connections.

He was born near Stutgard, Arkansas, in 1884, the son of Abraham and Fanny (Stutzman) King. In the paternal line his origin is British, but his maternal lineage connects with a German family. His father owned a farming property in Arkansas, later moving to Johnson county, Missouri, and after about eleven years of residence in that state came north and settled on an agricultural property near Archbold. Harvey was about seven years old when his parents moved from Arkansas to Missouri, and in the public schools of Johnson county of that state he received practically all his academic education. He was sixteen years old when he closed his schooling and gave his time to his father and to the work of the parental farm. About one year later the family came into Ohio and settled near Archbold. There for the next four years father and son worked together. Soon after that, however, Harvey married and took upon himself the responsibilities of independent farming. He rented a property of one hundred and twenty acres for five years, and another farm of sixty-nine acres for a further five years, during which time he appears to have had moderate success, and to have accumulated some capital. He was then able to follow his natural inclination toward mechanics. He came into Archbold and bought a machine shop, and met with some success in enterprisingly turning it into a garage. For somewhat more than two years he was established in that location, and then saw an advantage in renting the Ford repair room, which business he conducted for nine months. Then he bought his present garage, and has not had reason to regret the purchase. His business is a substantial and expanding one, and is known to automobile owners throughout that section of the county. His service is all that could be desired, and his intention is to maintain it at a high and up-to-date standard. Mr. King has shown commendable enterprise since he has been in Archbold, and an equally commendable industriousness, and so has good place among the responsible optimistic residents of the town.

In 1905 he married Carrie, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Short) Rupp, of Archbold, and to them have been born five children: Ilva, thirteen years old; Ella, age eleven; Mildred, nine years old; Beulah, age seven, and Ralph, two years old.

GARNETT QUEDO MORGAN. One of the leading business men and best known citizens of the western part of Fulton county is Garnett Q. Morgan, proprietor of the Red Cross Drug Store at Archbold. He has succeeded in his life work because he has been persistent and energetic and honorable in his dealings with the public, and he has therefore enjoyed the confidence and good will of all, which are in-

dispensable factors if one succeeds in any line where the public has to be depended upon.

Garnett Q. Morgan was born at Hicksville, Defiance county, Ohio, on September 26, 1869, and is the son of Edison G. and Nancy (Whitlock) Morgan, who were of Scotch and Irish antecedents respectively, though both families have been represented in America for many years. The subject was reared on his father's farm and secured his educational training in the common and high schools of Hicksville. When nineteen years of age he went to work for E. M. Pettit & Company, druggists at Hicksville, with whom he remained until thirty years of age. In 1899 Mr. Morgan entered the Ada School of Pharmacy, where he received his pharmacist certificate. Two years later he returned to Hicksville, where he remained until 1908, when he came to Archbold and took charge of C. W. Waldvogel's drug store. He continued in that position until 1913 when he purchased the business and has since operated it under the name of the Red Cross Drug Store. He carries a large and complete line of drugs and proprietary remedies, as well as several accessory lines, including wall paper, kodak supplies, etc. He enjoys a large and representative patronage covering a wide radius of surrounding country and is deservedly popular with all his customers.

Mr. Morgan was married to Lodema B. Hoffman, the daughter of Peter and Caroline (Tracht) Hoffman, of near Hicksville, and to them have been born two daughters, Opal Marie and Eula Grace, the latter dying at the age of one year.

Politically Mr. Morgan is an ardent supporter of the republican party and has taken a commendable interest in local public affairs. He has served one term as a member of the City Council, and was re-elected in 1919. Fraternally he is a member of Hicksville Lodge No. 478, Free and Accepted Masons, belonging also to the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church. In all life's relations he has been true to every duty and the trusts reposed in him, and thereby has earned the enviable position which he enjoys in the community.

Charles A. Humphreys, who for fifty years has lived in Fulton county, Ohio, and since early manhood has been connected, and for the greater part of the time responsibly connected with milling enterprises in Wauseon and Archbold, has since 1906 been one of the two partners of the Archbold Milling and Elevator Company, which firm does a substantial business in flour, grain, feed and coal. He also has other business interests, being president and a stockholder in the E. F. Hansen Company, millers of Wauseon, Ohio, and director of the Winner Glove Manufacturing Company of the same city. As a business man of enterprise and honorable characteristics he is esteemed in Archbold and Wauseon, and has very many friends throughout Fulton county.

He is of British birth, born in the ancient city of Bath, Somersetshire, England, March 14, 1869, the son of Charles A. and Marion (Wheeler) Humphreys. The family had for many previous generations lived in the vicinity of that city, and had generally followed the milling industry. Charles A. Humphreys was a miller in England, and when he came to the United States he followed that occupation in this country. Soon after emigration he settled in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio, and throughout his American residence of forty-two years was connected with the milling business of Lyon, Clement & Greenleaf, of Wauseon. Charles A. Humphreys was

a man of estimable characteristics, loyal and reliable. That trait was well demonstrated by his long association with the Wauseon Milling Company. He was a man of good education, was always a responsible resident from his first coming to Wauseon, and during his life he took an intelligent and interested part in public movements. He died in 1912, in Wauseon, his wife living for a further six years, her death not coming until 1918. She also was interred in Wauseon Cemetery.

Charles A., son of Charles A. and Marion (Wheeler) Humphreys, was only eighteen months old when his parents came to the United States and settled in Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio. In that city he spent most of his life, attending local schools in his boyhood, and eventually entering the Wauseon High School. He was seventeen years old when he began his business career, taking employment under his father in the mill of Lyon, Clement & Greenleaf, of Wauseon. He passed through a thorough milling apprenticeship, and in course of time became head miller of the Wauseon plant. In 1906 he and a fellow-worker, John Munroe, joined resources in business partnership, and together purchased the business and plant of the Archbold Milling Company of Archbold. They have since that time been the principal and joint owners of that business, which they have considerably developed during the years from 1906 to the present. Today the trading of the company in flour, grain, feed and coal is extensive and has brought appreciable substance to the partners, both of whom have taken leading parts in the general activities of Archbold. The firm is widely known for its special brands of flour, the Golden Eagle and Imperial, both partners being expert millers and able to carefully select their grain. And in feed and coal, the partners have an extensive town and country business. Both partners are closely identified with the management of another Fulton county milling firm, the E. F. Hansen Company, of Wauseon, of which company Mr. Humphreys is president. He is also director of the Winner Glove Manufacturing Company of Wauseon.

Politically Mr. Humphreys is a republican. His business interests, however, have been such as to demand most of his time during recent years, and he has been unable to devote to community affairs as much time as he would have liked. He has, however, been a willing supporter of worthy local instittuions, and is placed among the leading men of affairs in that section of Fulton county. During the recent war Mr. Humphreys upon more than one occasion manifested a whole-hearted patriotism, taking good part in the local activities relating to the various drives for funds with which the national government might properly pursue the national purpose. Generally Mr. Humphreys has a worthy place in the county, being known widely as a man of undoubted moral and material integrity.

In 1891, at Wauseon, Ohio, he married Verna C., daughter of G. W. and Rebecca (Neikirk) Hulls, of Wauseon. They have two children, Gail and Margery.

Horace R. Griffin, an enterprising and steady young business man of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, partner in the firm of Wyse and Griffin, grocers and butchers of Archbold, is a veteran of the World war, and one with a good overseas record. And since he has returned to civilian occupations he has manifested an initiative and enterprise such as indicate a good future for him.

He is a native of Fulton county, Ohio, born in the village of Fayette, February 14, 1898, the son of Otis and Edith May (West-

fall) Griffin. The Griffin family came originally from England, but Otis U. Griffin, father of Horace R., was for a while a farmer in Fulton county. Horace was born on the parental farm at Fayette, but when he was three years old the family moved into the city of Wauseon, Fulton county, and there he passed his boyhood. He attended the Wauseon public schools, graduating from the elementary to the high school, and graduating creditably from the latter with the class of 1917, at the age of nineteen years, the year of the commencement of the great war, or rather of America's participation in it. Young Griffin enlisted in the first month of the war, before ever there was thought of the selective draft. Soon after President Wilson had declared the nation to be in a state of war with Germany, Griffin went to Toledo and enlisted in the First Ohio Ambulance Corps. He was sent to Camp Sheridan, where for nine months he remained, pursuing the requisite course of training, but inwardly chafing, for he had hoped to have been early sent to France. Eventually he became a private, first-class, and was sent to the port of embarkation, New York, from which port he sailed on June 28, 1918, on the transport "Plassy," which after an exciting voyage eventually arrived at Glasgow, Scotland. Then followed a railway journey to Winchester, in the south of England. The time, however, was a momentous one and movements of troops had to be accelerated. After three days at Winchester, undergoing necessary organization, his unit was dispatched to Southampton, England, and sailed without delay, crossing the channel to Cherbourg, France, on the 10th of July. Ten days later he was at the front, only four days after the beginning of the most terrific fighting of the war, the allied offensive which was destined to throw the Teutonic forces into confusion, and eventually drive them from France in utter defeat. During the next four months Griffin saw much service; his unit had been reclassified, and in France was known as the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ambulance Company, of the One Hundred and Twelfth Sanitary Train, Thirty-Seventh Division, which division was in the major battles of the Vosges, St. Mihiel, and the Argonne. And he was also in the Lys sector of Belgium, where the resistance was very stubborn. Griffin passed through that exciting period without hurt, save for a slight gasing, and eventually, on March 24, 1919, sailed for the United States on the United States transport "Montana." He was mustered out with a certificate of honorable discharge at Camp Sherman on April 12, 1919. Soon afterward he returned to Wauseon, and in a short while settled down to civil life with commendable resolution and initiative. He formed a business partnership with Mr. R. P. Wyse, the two opening business as grocers and butchers at Archbold in that year. The partners are both young and energetic, and although the business is of such recent establishment, there are indications that the partners are developing a substantial measure of trading. They have a good town and country trade, have shown alertness in their operations, and an assuring reliability in their trading.

Horace R. Griffin is unmarried. Politically he is a republican; religiously he is a Methodist, and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen orders, holding membership in Wauseon lodges.

Romeo P. Wyse, a native of Archbold, and now, notwithstanding his youth, a merchant with a promising future in his native place, is entering early and encouragingly into the full responsibilities of

independent business. He and another young Fulton county man are developing a substantial grocery and meat business in Archbold, and although the firm of Wyse and Griffin has not been established for a year, the aggressive methods and optimistic alertness these young men are exhibiting augur well for the future stability of the firm.

Romeo P. Wyse was born in Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1897, the son of D. F. and Caroline (Mockler) Wyse, who had long been a resident in Archbold. The Wyse family is of French-German origin, having originally come from Alsace, France. The grandparents were the first to immigrate and take up residence in Fulton county, Ohio, the paternal grandfather of Romeo P. Wyse doing much pioneering work in the county, and for the greater part of his life following agriculture. D. F. Wyse, father of Romeo P., was for the years of his early manhood a farmer, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. Eventually, however, he became a jeweler in Archbold. He is still in business and widely known throughout that section of the county.

Romeo P., son of D. F. and Caroline (Mockler) Wyse, received his education in the public schools of Waterville and Wauseon, Ohio. He attended the Wauseon High School for three years. His years of schooling, especially the period of high schooling, reveal noteworthy traits in the boy. From the age of eleven years until he was sixteen years old he managed to earn much toward his maintenance by enterprising work before and after school and during vacations. At one time he sold newspapers on the streets of Wauseon, and for three years he found partial employment in the grocery department of Brigham & Guilford, department store owners of Wauseon. After leaving high school young Wyse went to Detroit and for a while was employed at the Hup Motor Club, of the Hup Motor Company, as second cook. So employed he passed two years in Detroit, then returning to Wauseon and entering into independent grocery business, for eighteen months trading as the Wabash grocery. Then he disposed of the business so that he might be free to take national service, the World war having begun. He enlisted in the United States Army at Wauseon as a chauffeur, but for some reason was not called into service. Eventually he was drafted by his local board, but the influenza epidemic of that time, the autumn of 1918, and the subsequent armistice on November 11, 1918, were factors which held young Wyse from actually entering upon military duties. While waiting, he for a short time worked in the local plant of the Van Camp Company, and he continued in such employment, in the capacity of weighmaster, for the seven months from the Armistice to the establishment of the firm of Wyse & Griffin, in July, 1919. The business is proceeding satisfactorily, both partners being apt, alert young men, eager to give good service and quite capable of it.

Mr. Wyse has not entered much into politics, and his nature would lead one to suppose that in local affairs, if not in national, he would be more disposed to weigh the qualities and qualifications of the candidate for his vote than to place reliance upon the general platform of the party with which the candidate might be affiliated. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Wauseon lodge, and his church is the Congregational. He is unmarried.

Glenn Jacob Vernier. The firm of Vernier, McLaughlin-Probeck Company at Archbold is one of the best known business firms in Fulton county, and for many years has stood for progress and

fair dealing. Among the active members of this firm is its secretary and treasurer, Glenn J. Vernier, to whom a large part of the prosperity of the firm is due and who has, because of his splendid business qualities and excellent personal traits, won the esteem of the entire community.

Glenn J. Vernier has been a life-long resident of Archbold, his birth having occurred here in 1889, and he is the son of A. J. and Hattie (Downer) Vernier. He is descended from sterling French ancestry on the paternal side, his great-grandfather Vernier having come from France to the United States, settling in the vicinity of Archbold. The subject of this sketch was reared here and received his elementary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1906. He then took a commercial course in the Quincy Business College at Quincy, Illinois, where he was graduated in 1908. Immediately thereafter he went to work in his father's store, with which he has been identified ever since, and is now a member of the firm of Vernier, McLaughlin-Probeck Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. The company has a capital stock of $50,000 and they carry one of the largest and most complete stocks of hardware of every description, implements, building material, etc., to be found in Fulton county, commanding a trade covering a wide radius of surrounding country.

In 1909 Mr. Vernier was married to Eva Fagley, the daughter of Conrad and Anna Fagley, of Archbold, and they have become the parents of two children, Pauline Catherine and Jacob Robert.

Mr. Vernier has been an earnest supporter of the republican party, and in 1915 was elected to the office of city clerk, in which position he served four years. In 1917 he was elected to the City Council and is still a member of that body. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is also a member of Zenobia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Toledo, Ohio. He possesses to a marked degree those sterling traits which ever command uniform confidence and regard, and he is numbered today among the enterprising business men of his community.

George H. Probeck, who for twenty-six years has been responsibly connected with the Vernier, McLaughlin-Probeck Company, of Archbold, hardware and lumber merchants, and since the incorporation has been vice president of that firm, is a business man of proved ability and reliability of estimable private life, and of helpful public spirit.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio, August 15, 1875, the son of Henry and Margaret (Schweiger) Probeck. He received his elementary education in the public schools of Toledo, and from the high school went to the Davis Business College, where he took the courses in commerce and stenography. Entering upon his business career, he for a while was employed in a Toledo grocery as a clerk, but was early in Wauseon, where for three years he was a salesman in the store of Eager, Green & Company, becoming generally conversant with the dry goods business during that period. In 1894 he came to Archbold and entered the employ of Vernier & McLaughlin. He passed eleven years as an employe of that firm, having charge of the bookkeeping of the establishment, and the eleven years were usefully spent, for at the end of that time he was in a position to acquire an interest in the company. He was admitted as a junior partner in

1905, and when the business had expanded to such extent that with a view to further development the partners felt that their trading could be more effectually administered under corporate powers, he became vice president of the company then incorporated. He is still vice president of the Vernier, McLaughlin-Probeck Company, and is still actively engaged in its management, and it would hardly be incorrect to state that much of the prosperity that has come to the company during the last generation has been due to the careful work and business acumen of Mr. Probeck, to whom the success of the firm has been one of his main purposes during the last twenty years or so.

Mr. Probeck is a republican in politcal allegiance, but has not been able to devote much of his time to national political movements. During the recent war he was of course intensely interested in national affairs, and in that trying time demonstrated a wholehearted loyalty and helpful patriotism in his generous co-operation with ths efforts of leaders in the county to insure the proper subscription in the district toward the various bond issues and other funds needed for the proper prosecution of the war. In local politics, however, he has always taken a close interest, although he has never sought public office. His co-operation in public work has been of the unselfish constructive kind, without thought of personal gain; and he has always been ready to support worthy projects that promised some useful good to the community. As a churchman he has been consistent. He is a member of the local Lutheran Church, and at all times has seen it to be his duty to share in its responsibilities.

In 1902, at Archbold, he married Blanche, daughter of John F. and Ellen (Kope) Yeager, of a well-known pioneer family of Fulton county. They have two children: Margaret Ella, who was born in 1905; and Helen Blanche, born in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Probeck have many sincere friends of long standing in Archbold, and are generally well-regarded in the community.

David J. Mockler, who is now senior partner of a consequential manufacturing concern, the Peerless Glove Manufacturing Company of Archbold, and who for many years has been one of the responsible, enterprising business men of that place, has had a wide and varied business experience. He has for long been known as a man of marked energy and sound business acumen, and his years of energetic application to business have yielded him good return, so that today he is classed among the substantial business leaders of Fulton county. The factory with which he is identified finds constant employment for twenty-four people, and its product is shipped to all parts of the United States, and is therefore an industry of some importance to Archbold.

David J. Mockler was born in Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio, November 27, 1869, the son of J. George and Wilhelmina (Gruenginger) Mockler. Originally the family came from Germany, but some generations have now been resident in the United States, and the family is entirely American in spirit. David lived for the greater part of his boyhood in Burlington, Fulton county, Ohio, attending the public schools at that place until he had reached the age of fourteen years, when he began to work. For the next nine years he followed agricultural occupations industriously, but not as an independent farmer. He was twenty-three years old when he married, and that responsibility brought a change in his occupa-

tion. Soon after he had married he entered the employ of the Archbold Creamery Company, remaining connected with that creamery for three years as a butter-maker, then followed an equal period, in like capacity, at the Jewel Elgin Creamery, Jewel, Ohio, and a similar connection in the creamery of Trubey Brothers, Sherwood, Defiance county, Ohio, where he remained for two years, these periods of steady, responsible and well-paid employment adding appreciably to his material means. After two years as an employe at Sherwood David J. Mockler returned to Archbold, and in partnership with John Waldvogel, of that place, ventured into independent business, the two then establishing the Archbold Creamery, which they conducted for five years, the partnership then being dissolved by mutual consent. For the succeeding fifteen years Mr. Mockler traveled extensively, representing oil refiners for the greater part of the time, and must have been a good salesman, otherwise he would not have held to such occupations for so long. After fifteen years of constant travel, however, Mr. Mockler sought other business interests which would enable him to be oftener at home. An opportunity presented itself, and in partnership with Joel and Emanuel Rupp he acquired an interest in the business of the Peerless Glove Manufacturing Company. Mr. Mockler has a one-third interest in the business, and is foreman at the factory; and since he has been connected with it he has had the satisfaction of seeing its volume of business expand very considerably, until in recent years its product has found a good market throughout the United States. The factory at present finds employment for twenty-four people, and its business is continually expanding. Mr. Mockler has always been a hard worker, and he still holds steadily to business. He is a republican of independent affiliation, but has not very actively followed political matters. He has shown a close interest in the affairs of Archbold, and in more than one way has been aiding in its development, but he has not concerned himself very keenly in national politics. He is a citizen of good public spirit, but has never been disposed to accept public office. Like so many other energetic men of business, he has held closely to his business affairs, and has held himself in good personal responsibility and useful citizenship in that way.

Mr. Mockler has been twice married. His first wife, whom he married in 1892, was Caroline, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Spiess) Mandley, of Henry county, Ohio. She died in 1910, on June 18, and in the following year Mr. Mockler married again, his second wife being Emaline Nye, daughter of William Nye, of Liberty Centre, Henry county, Ohio. Mr. Mockler is the father of five children, four of whom were born to the first marriage, and one to his second wife. Mr. and Mrs. Mockler are members of the Missionary Church.

August Fraas. The name of August Fraas, of Archbold, Fulton county, does not need to be introduced to the readers of this chronicle, for it has been intertwined with the history of this locality for nearly half a century. The splendid success which has come to him is directly traceable to the salient points in his character, his energy, discrimination and perseverance placing him among the substantial citizens of this section of the county.

August Fraas, senior member of the firm of August Fraas & Son, sheet metal workers and plumbers at Archbold, was born in the town of Weisdrorf, Bavaria, on March 25, 1851. He is the son of

Lawrence and Kunigunda (Horn) Fraas, being the youngest of their children. He remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he came to the United States alone, being thirty-seven days on board a sailing vessel, which landed him in New York harbor. He immediately went to Chicago, Illinois, where he had a half-sister living, and there he learned the trade of a tinner. At the end of a year he went to Defiance, Ohio, where he was employed at his trade for about a year, going then to Napoleon, Ohio, where he was similarly employed for three years. In 1871 he came to Archbold and entered the employ of Jacob Vanier, with whom he remained as an employe for sixteen years. In 1886 he purchased of his employer the sheet metal department and has successfully conducted it ever since. His son, Henry Lawrence Fraas, is also now interested with him in the business, which has steadily grown until it is now one of the leading establishments in its line in this part of the county.

In 1870 Mr. Fraas was married to Sophie Schorner, the daughter of Lawrence and Katherine Schorner, and to them have been born the following children: John W., of Napoleon; August C.; Henry Lawrence, who is referred to above as his father's business associate, is married and the father of two children; Lawrence William, of Archbold; Clara is the wife of B. Baker, of Archbold, and they have five children; Sophie, the wife of Clarence Bucher; Elizabeth is the wife of Henry Mahler, of Archbold.

Mr. Fraas is an independent democrat in his political attitude and served as a member of the city council for nine years, and his son Henry L. is now a member of that body. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran Church. He has for years taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. He was one of the organizers of the Archbold fire department and has been a volunteer member of it for thirty-eight years. He has acted well his part in life, and because of his success in business, his public spirit and his fine personal character he is deservedly popular throughout the community.

Albert Emanuel Theobald. In compiling this volume of representative citizens of Fulton county occasion has been afforded to give the records of men in many walks of life; here will be found appropriate mention of worthy citizens in all vocations, and at this juncture we are permitted to offer a resume of the career of one of the enterprising merchants of Archbold, Albert E. Theobald, where he has attained a high degree of success and is now numbered among the leaders in mercantile circles of his community.

Albert E. Theobald was born in Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, on December 26, 1872, and is the first in order of birth of the six children born to John, Sr., and Christina (Gype) Theobald. The family is originally of German stock, the subject's grandfather, Michael Theobald, having immigrated from the Fatherland to the United States in an early day with his wife and three children. He settled on a tract of wooded land in Seneca county, Ohio, of which locality he was a pioneer, and there he cleared the land, established a home and developed a good farm. Subsequently he came to Fulton county and settled in German township, where he spent the remainder of his years on his farm of eighty acres. His son, the subject's father, continued to live on this homestead until he came to Archbold and engaged in the hardware business, with which he still continues, though eighty-two years old at this time.

Albert E. Theobald attended the public schools until fifteen years of age, when he was employed by an uncle as a farm hand at the wage of five dollars a month. He was employed at farm work for twelve years, at the end of which time he returned to Archbold and went to work for the Archbold Milling Company as a flour packer, being so employed for three years. Then for two years he was employed as a shipping clerk in a wholesale grocery house in San Francisco, California. In 1912 he returned to Archbold and entered into a partnership with his brother, J. B. Theobald, and opened a dry goods store on Main street, under the firm name of Theobald Brothers. In 1915 J. B. retired from the firm and the subject has since continued the business alone, under the name of the Star Dry Goods Store. He carries a large and complete stock of dry goods, trimmings, accessories, etc., and enjoys one of the largest trades of any store of the kind in this part of the country.

In 1899 Mr. Theobald was married to Sadie May Feather, the daughter of Francis and Leah (Barley) Feather, of Archbold. Politically a republican, Mr. Theobald has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs, especially as relating to the community in which he lives. He served two terms as city treasurer and two terms as a member of the city council, being at the present time a member of the latter body. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and consistently gives his support to every worthy object. Because of his success and his genial disposition, he has won and retains the good will and respect of all who know him.

Peter Eicher, an enterprising and energetic business man of Archbold, owner of a substantial produce business, and also a coal merchant, is well-known throughout Fulton county, and has of late years been shipping produce in carload lots to widely separated parts of the country.

He is a native of Fulton county, Ohio, the son of Christian and Catherine (Schad) Eicher. The Eicher family is of French origin, but has been resident in America for some generations. Christian Eicher, father of Peter, was a farmer and early resident in Fulton county, and Peter was reared in the environment of country life. He attended the country school during boyhood, and as he grew took increasing part in the work of the home farm. His summer vacations were generally spent happily but usefully in industrious work connected with the hay and general harvests. He attended school until he was sixteen years old. From that time until he was twenty-two years old he remained with his parents, taking good part in farm work. Then he married, which circumstances influenced him in setting up a separate establishment and farming independently. He rented a property of eighty acres near Burlington, Ohio, and there for seven years he and his wife lived. He was more than moderately successful in his farming, and during the period had been able to accumulate some capital. With it he returned to Fulton county and established himself in business in Archbold as a grocer. His store was on Main street, but after conducting it for two years, he decided that there were greater possibilities of success in developing a business in produce. So thinking, he sold his grocery business and energetically applied himself to the new enterprise. He has not regretted the change, for during the time from that year to the present he has done considerable business each year in produce, and during the busy season has been accustomed to

ship in carload lots to markets in various parts of the United States. He has also developed a consequential and lucrative business in the retailing of coal. And he also handles feed so that altogether he has prospered well by his enterprise and well-directed aggressiveness. As a produce dealer his business establishment was at first situated on Depot street, but after about twelve months in that location he moved his headquarters to Strycher street, where he remained for about a year, eventually taking up the quarters where he has since done business, near the New York Central tracks. The extent of his railroad shipments compelled him to locate near the railroad, which gave him ready access to the middlewest and the eastern states. He has reached a satisfactory state of material possessions, but he nevertheless continues actively to pursue commercial affairs. He also owns a farming property of seventy-three acres, and is well-known to most of the farmers in that section of the county. In Archbold he is generally well-regarded, and has proved himself to be a helpful, responsible resident, generous in his support of church and community work. Politically he is a republican of independent inclination.

In 1892 he married Emma Nofsinger, daughter of Jacob J. and Barbara (Wyse) Nofsinger. They are the parents of five children, as follows: Arthur C., twenty-two years old; Wilmer J., twenty years old; Viola G., age seventeen; Chester E., age twelve; Lucile E., age four years. The family are members of the Amish Mennonite Church, and have many friends of long standing in Archbold.

John Munroe, one of the leading citizens of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, is partner in the firm of Humphreys and Munroe, the Archbold Milling and Elevator Company, and has been one of the enterprising public workers and business leaders in Archbold for many years. He is connected with the management of many financial and industrial corporations of Fulton county, including the Peoples State Bank of Archbold, of which he is a director, the E. F. Hansen (Elevator) Company, of Wauseon, and the Winner Glove Company of same city, of both of which he is a large stockholder and director. And his general standing in his own community may be gauged by his public service. He has been a school director for many years, has served several terms as councilman and for four years, 1914-18, he was mayor of Archbold, offices in the execution of the duties of which he manifested not only a loyal recognition that he was a guardian of the people's interest, but a marked ability as administrator and organizer.

He was born near Woodstock, Canada, the son of Hugh and Susan (Sisson) Munroe. His parents were of Scottish ancestry, his father having been born in Inverness, Scotland. The latter, Hugh Munroe, was twenty-two years old when he left his native land and crossed the sea to Canada. He settled near Woodstock, Canada, and there applied himself steadily to farming occupations. At the outset he worked for wages, which were not of high rate. Still, he was able to save some money, sufficient to enable him to acquire a farm holding of his own eventually. His farm was of 100 acres, and situated near Woodstock, and the property is still in the possession of a member of the next generation of the Munroe family. Hugh Munroe lived on that property for the remainder of his life, which ended in 1893. He was a man of strong personality and good life, and was esteemed by his neighbors. Susan Sisson, who became his wife and the mother of John Munroe of Archbold, was born in

Woodstock, Canada, there married, and there raised their five children, of whom John was the third born.

John remained at home until he was twenty-one years old. He attended the country schools of his native place, and when about fifteen years old left school altogether. The next six years were spent in energetic work on the home farm, and by the time he had reached manhood he was of good physique and knew most of the general operations of agricultural life. He left home soon after having attained majority, and came into the United States, in the same year coming to Fulton county, Ohio, and finding employment in the flour mill of Lyon, Clement and Greenleaf at Archbold. He was a steady workman, reliable and energetic, and in course of time became foreman of the plant and as such was in receipt of good salary. For fifteen years he was a salaried employe of that company, and at the end of that time was so circumstanced financially that he could take the opportunity that then arose, to purchase, with another, the plant and business of the Archbold Milling Company of Archbold. He and his partner, Mr. C. A. Humphreys, a well-known and substantial Archbold business man, have since that time, 1906, successfully conducted the business, trading under the original name. The trading of the company has expanded appreciably since he and his partner came into possession of it, and the conduct of its affairs takes most of Mr. Munroe's time. He has, nevertheless, several other business connections, being a director of the E. F. Hansen Company and the Winner Glove Manufacturing Company, both of Wauseon. He is also a stockholder and director of the Peoples State Bank of Archbold.

Mr. Munroe is a man of commendable public spirit, and a very effective public worker. He has given much time to educational affairs in Archbold as a member of the Archbold School Board. And has also taken consequential part in the civic administration of the place. For several years he was councilman, and has held the highest executive office, that of mayor, the community's appreciation of his administration being evidenced by his re-election to the mayor's office. He was the chief magistrate of Archbold for four years, and his record is a notable one.

Politically he is a republican, and for many years has taken an active and effective interest in national politics. In his home district he has been a factor of influence, and his broad and sensible views upon much debated subjects have enhanced his reputation as a man of sound logical opinions. Fraternally Mr. Munroe is a Mason and an Elk. He is a member of the Wauseon, Ohio, Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Napoleon Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1890 he married at Woodstock, Canada, Marie, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Day) Hallock, of that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Munroe have been born three children: Violet Estella, who married C. F. Grime, of Bryan, Ohio, and is the mother of one child, a son, John Russell, now three years old; Gladys Fern, who married Ray V. Chase, of Archbold; Harold John, who was born in 1901, received his elementary education in the public schools of Archbold, Ohio, and for four years was at the St. John's Military Academy, of Delafield, Wisconsin. He graduated from that school, and had the distinction of being a lieutenant of the school cadet corps, being a boy of alert responsible characteristics. He is now associated with his father in business.

Clarence L. Wyse, a native of Fulton county, and latterly a responsible business man of Archbold of that county of Ohio, is partner in a promising enterprise in that town, the Archbold Ladder Company, which company does a considerable business in ladders and silos, its product being shipped into many states, including Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Clarence L. Wyse is the son of M. and Mary (Baer) Wyse, and was born on the parental farm near Archbold. The Wyse family is among those early resident in the county, and had some part in the pioneer work of the section. Whether they bought undeveloped land direct from the government or acquired partly-cleared land from the original settler does not appear in the data presently available, but the name is encountered in the early records of the county. Clarence L. was reared in the wholesome environment of the home farm near Archbold, and, like other farmers' sons, attended the country school during the winter, and gave most of his time to the execution of farming tasks upon the family homestead during the long summer vacations. He attended school until he was sixteen years old, and for another year stayed with his parents, giving good assistance to his father in the operation of the farm. Then a double misfortune, in the death of both of his parents, caused him to leave home and for two years thereafter he worked for neighboring farmers. At the end of that time, however, he decided to learn carpentry. For two years he followed that trade, and then for three years was associated with his brother in the operation of the home farm. The brothers had moderate success in their joint farming, and the two in 1915 put their resources together and purchased the business and plant of the Gegax Ladder Works of Archbold, which has since been known as the Archbold Ladder Company. The brothers have developed the business appreciably since it passed into their possession, and today they have trading connections through many states. They ship their ladders in appreciable and growing quantities to Pennsylvania and Illinois, and have done a lucrative business in silo construction. Altogether their endeavors have been marked by commendable enterprise and aggressive, well-directed industriousness.

Both brothers are well-regarded in Archbold. Clarence has not shown much inclination toward political activities, and in his voting has been more concerned in the merit of the candidate than in the platform of the party. He has attended almost strictly to business, but Archbold might almost be considered his native place and he has been always interested in its affairs, and has been ready to help in any way possible in measures that were intended to bring benefit to the community. Generally he is a man with a proper recognition of the responsibilities of citizenship, and during the recent war proved himself to be whole-heartedly loyal.

In 1916 he married Ella, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Merilatt) Roth, of near Wauseon. They have one child, Blanche Marie, who was born in 1917. The family is well-regarded in Archbold.

Clair D. Miley, who is among the representative residents of Clinton township, and is a successful farmer of that neighborhood, is proving himself to be a young man of much steadiness and good enterprise. He has been independently established and farming a good acreage since 1915.

He was born in Clinton township in 1891, the son of John C. and Eva (Quackenbush) Miley, well-known for the greater part of

their lives in Clinton township, and grandson of Thomas Miley. The Miley family was early in Fulton county, Ohio, although in origin the family is German. How many generations back it is to that of the first scion of the family to have had residence does not appear in data now available, but the family did much pioneer work in Fulton county in the early days.

Clair D. Miley has spent his whole life in the county. In his boyhood he attended the Centre District School, Clinton township, attending school until he was seventeen years old. From that time until the present he has spent the years steadily farming, working for his father until 1914, when he married, following which for about twelve months he found occupation in the City of Wauseon, Fulton county, in 1915, however, returning to the Miley homestead in Clinton township, his father having retired a year earlier, and assuming full direction of that farm. There he has lived to the present, and has had good success. He is an enterprising, energetic farmer, and has been apt in adopting many of the modern developments of farming. The farm is of seventy acres, well improved, with many modern residential comforts and adequate outbuildings. Mr. Miley is still in the early years of his business endeavor, but his steadiness and energetic, intelligent enterprise promise him a satisfactory place among the prosperous agriculturists of the county. Politically he is a republican. By religious conviction he is affiliated with the Christian Church, and is a good supporter of and an active worker for the local church of that denomination. He is a man of good patriotism, and although his marital responsibilities forbade him taking personal part in military capacity in the World war of 1917-18, he applied himself during that period to the uttermost to matters of production upon his farm; and the part taken by the patriotic American farmer in the world struggle was by no means unimportant or without appreciable effect upon the continuance of the allies in vigorous prosecution of the war until victory finally came.

In 1914 Clair D. Miley married Lula Belle Hay, daughter of Edward and Lillie (Shambarger) Hay, of Clinton township. They have two children: Phoebe Elaine, who was born in 1916; and Donald Curtis, born in 1918.

George K. Russell. Fully impressed with the importance of his calling of a farmer, George K. Russell, owner of a fine farm of 158 acres in Franklin township, is contentedly operating it and giving to the affairs of his community an intelligent interest as a good citizen should. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1861, a son of William J. and Harriet (Anderson) Russell, who came to Fulton county, Ohio, when George K. Russell was four years of age, and bought a farm in Franklin township.

Growing up on the parental farm, George K. Russell attended the country schools and the Normal School of Fayette until he was twenty-one years old, although during a number of these years he assisted his father during the summer seasons, and remained on the farm until 1881. Mr. Russell then moved to the William Duneburger's farm and then to his present farm, where he is carrying on general agriculture. His farm is one of the highly cultivated ones of the township, and he has made many substantial improvements upon it, taking a pride in his premises and doing all he can to keep everything up-to-date in every particular.

In 1882, when he was twenty-one years old, Mr. Russell was

united in marriage with Angeline Duneburger, a daughter of William Duneburger, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Hattie May, who is now Mrs. Charles Shipman, lives in Gorman township; William Grover, who is thirty-four years old; and Mahlon John, who is thirty-two years old. Mr. Russell is a democrat and was elected constable of Franklin township for one term, township trustee for three years and was appointed township assessor for two years by Governor Cox, and is now township clerk. He is a stockholder of the Northwestern Mutual Telephone Company, of which he is now secretary, and he has held all of the offices in it except that of treasurer, is a director of the Farmers State Bank of Fayette, and of the Farmers Elevator Company of Fayette, and is president of the Franklin Cemetery Association, which office he has held for ten years. His fraternal affiliations are with the Maccabees of Fayette. A man of more than ordinary ability, he has been able to give expression to his ideas in several lines, and has made good in everything he has undertaken, for he is a man who, once he starts in to accomplish anything, does not stop until he has completed it, and in a manner satisfactory to him.

G. Scott Roos. The founder of the American branch of the House of Roos of which G. Scott Roos of Wauseon is a representative was Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos, and his entry into colonial affairs was the year of the Declaration of American Independence. The annals of the family show that he was born November 28, 1754, in Palatine, Germany. He was one of the Hessian soldiers transported to the New World by the British government to assist in suppressing the colonists engaged in the popular uprising—the American Revolution.

It is understood that Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos, who had qualified himself for professional life, came as a steerage passenger, and slept in the straw that is the reputed agency that introduced the Hessian fly in the American colonies. In the course of time this educated young Hessian was taken prisoner by the Continental army, and he soon transferred his allegiance to the country struggling to rid itself from the bondage of England. It is related in history that the Hessian army came the year the colonists declared their independence from the yoke of England, and this young soldier at once gave six years and seven months of his life to the cause of freedom in America—certainly it Americanized him. This young Hessian soldier wiped out the record of the past, and thus the Roos family history begins with the birth of the republic, the British subject having become an American citizen.

Soon after the end of the struggle this Americanized citizen, Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos, married Catharine Becker. Their children were: Anna, Margaret, Gertrude, Elizabeth, Jenny, Charlotte and John Burchard, and through the birth of this son the name Roos is perpetuated in the United States. It is understood that Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, and that he died in Red Hook, New York, January 22, 1814, and through his direct lineage members of the Roos family have already established their membership in the American Revolutionary patriotic societies.

It was August 4, 1791, that the seventh child and only son of this revolutionary soldier, John Burchard Roos, was born in Red Hook, New York, and there he married Elizabeth Benner, and thus the name Roos was perpetuated through the children born to

them. John Burchard Roos was a blacksmith while living at Red Hook, and in 1836 he removed from New York to Ohio, locating in Lucas county, the territory later organized as Fulton county, and here follows the direct history of G. Scott Roos, born October 18, 1875, in Chesterfield. His residence in Wauseon is a recent thing, and the family history all reverts at once to Chesterfield.

An uncle of G. Scott Roos, William Scott, had bought a farm one forenoon in York State, and in the afternoon he sold it at an advance of $1,000, and this profit was invested in Ohio land—four eighties, and Mr. Roos now owns one of them. It is included in the family homestead in Chesterfield. In the second generation of Roos there were again seven children, this time six sons and one daughter. They were: John Philip, Richard, Ann Eliza, James William, Richard (the first Richard having died at the age of one month), George Washington and Edward Robert. G. Scott Roos, who chronicles the above family data, is a son of George Washington Roos, born July 4, 1831, at Red Hook, and he was five years old when the family removed to Ohio.

George W. Roos was twice married, the first wife being Catharine Bennett. There were three daughters: Cora, Mina and Edith. His second marriage was with Elizabeth Tunison, August 19, 1868, and there is one son, G. Scott Roos. Mrs. Roos, who lives in the home of her son, is the youngest in a family of six: John, Peter, Abram, Philip, Lydia and Elizabeth, born to James and Eliza (Miller) Tunison. As a young woman Mrs. Roos came from her home in western New York to visit friends in Ohio, and she became a permanent resident of Fulton county.

On December 19, 1894, G. Scott Roos married Ora Belle Stutesman, an only daughter born to Charles and Anna E. (Roberts) Stutesman. The Stutesman family homestead is in Chesterfield, and the daughter went to the home of her husband and they lived in Chesterfield until the spring of 1915, when they removed to Wauseon. Charles Stutesman was born in Chesterfield September 19, 1849, and he is still a resident of the community. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Waite) Stutesman, the father having come from Maryland and the mother from England. The Stutesman family history began in the Chesterfield community in 1832, when Samuel Stutesman secured eighty acres of land in the dense forest there. Since 1835 the name Stutesman has always been heard there.

Anna E. (Roberts) Stutesman was a daughter of John and Chloe (Clevenger) Roberts, the father a Welshman while the mother was born near Lima, and relatives still live in Allen county. She was born December 20, 1855, and died May 30, 1889, survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ora B. Roos. While the Stutesman-Roberts families are large, there is not much record extant—the generations of the past not having discharged their whole duty to posterity.

On June 25, 1890, Charles Stutesman married Nettie Roos who bears the relation of cousin to G. Scott Roos, and their children are: E. Alleine, Glade Roos and Marian Agnes. Mrs. Roos is a half sister to them. The Roos-Stutesman family history is inseparably identified with the history of Chesterfield, and the Roos cemetery has been their God's Acre through all the years of the history of Fulton county.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott Roos are: Charles Gerald, George Scott, Elizabeth Norine, Harold Stutesman, Anna Eloise and Evelyn May. They are in the fifth generation from their Revolutionary ancestor, but the three older ones are sleeping the

Lawrence A Stevens & Family.

sleep of the ages, the immediate family burial plot now being the Wauseon cemetery—one of the beauty spots in Fulton county.

From the beginning the Roos family vote has been cast with the republican party, and for many years G. W. Roos was a justice of the peace in Chesterfield. G. Scott Roos has served as township trustee in Chesterfield and as a member of the board of education both there and in Wauseon. In November, 1914, he was elected treasurer of Fulton county, and that explains his removal to Wauseon. The family are members of Chesterfield Grange and of Chesterfield Arbor of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. Mr. Roos is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge in Lyons, and of the Knights of Pythias in Wauseon.

The Roos family were members of East Chesterfield Christian Church, but have been transferred to Wauseon. In the rural church Mr. Roos was an elder and the Sunday school superintendent, and he is a deacon in the Wauseon Church.

Since 1888 the Roos family in Fulton county, of which there are several branches, have met in annual reunions. For many years they met at the different homesteads, but recently the meetings have been held on the Fulton county fair grounds. While some branches of the family have changed the spelling of the name from Roos to Rose, the Fulton county branch adheres to the original form of the word—the name given them by Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos in the beginning of American history. There are more than one hundred relatives who assemble in these annual reunions, and from the beginning Miss Olive Roos of Wauseon, although formerly a resident of Chesterfield, has been the family historian.

The specific data concerning the beginning of the Roos family history in America is obtained from an age old document in possession of G. Scott Roos, being a copy from the records of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck, New York, and dated April 28, 1819—written in legible hand and in good conditon. Mr. Roos also treasures an apple tree wood razor hone brought from Germany in 1776 by his Revolutionary ancestor—Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos.

Lawrence Albert Stevens, a well-regarded and prosperous farmer of Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, comes of a family which for many generations has had worthy part in pioneer development in the states of New York, Connecticut and Ohio, and also to some extent in Michigan. Particularly of historic note in this history of Fulton county leaders is the association of the Stevens family with pioneer efforts in the county. The great-grandfather in the paternal line of Lawrence Albert Stevens came over the blazed trail from New York into Ohio, settling at first in Huron county, and finally coming to Fulton county in 1857, where he took up a tract of land about three miles southeast of Wauseon. There he lived for the remainder of his life, and there his son, grandfather of Lawrence A., lived for the greater part of his life, eventually, however, removing to Toledo. Everall Stevens, father of Lawrence A., was born in Huron county, Ohio, but eventually settled in Riga township, Lenawee county, Michigan in 1883, where he still lives. His wife, Magdalena (Lorntz) died in 1907. They were the parents of eleven children, among them being Lawrence Albert, who was one of twins and was born on October 19, 1884, in the family homestead at Riga township, Lenawee county, Michigan. Lawrence was educated in the country school of his native township, attending that

school until he had reached the age of sixteen years, when he entered the Blissfield, Michigan, High School. He had resolved to qualify for professional life, and with that object took the course at the Fayette Normal School, which gained him admission to the teaching profession. As an educator he spent the next five years in the public schools of his native county in the State of Michigan, and about the end of that time married, this bringing material change in his plans. Thereafter for the next three years he farmed a property he had purchased in Riga township, Lenawee county, Michigan. He sold that property to advantage after occupying it for three years, and then came into Fulton county, having rented a farm situated at Fayette. There for two years he made his home, farming, and during the period teaching also in the local school. At the end of that time he moved to the farm in Franklin township, Fulton county, upon which he has since lived, that is, for the last seven years, he having acquired it in 1913. It is a good property of eighty acres, and well fitted for the purpose to which he puts it, general farming and the raising of hogs. He has shown much enterprise and marked energy in farming matters, and is one of the substantial, responsible men of the community, well-regarded by his neighbors, and active in church work. By religious conviction he is a Methodist, is a trustee of the local church, and served as a member of the building committee. He belongs to the Franklin Grange, and politically is affiliated with the democratic party. He is also one of the stockholders of the Fayette Elevator Company, with the affairs of which he is closely identified. Generally throughout his life he has manifested commendable characteristics, a self-reliant steadiness of purpose and an aptness in business management such as has brought him to a comfortable state of material wealth.

His wife, whom he married in 1909, was Verna C. Ely, daughter of John M. and Priscilla (Borton) Ely, of Gorham township, Fulton county. She comes of a family of Colonial and of distinguished Revolutionary record. The Ely family is of English origin, but has been resident in the United States since 1680, and was among the Colonial families of New Jersey, the family home being in the vicinity of Trenton in that state. Colonel George Ely, great-great-grandfather of Verna C. Ely, had a worthy part in the Revolutionary struggle. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have two children, sons: Ray Allen, born in 1910, and John Everall, now five years old.

George M. Ziegler. One of the prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of Fulton county is George M. Ziegler, who is demonstrating in his everyday work a comprehension of the dignity and importance of his calling, and proving conclusively that there is money in farming, provided a man knows how to make his efforts pay. He owns a fine farm of 126 acres in Franklin township, and it is regarded as one of the best rural properties in this section.

George M. Ziegler was born in Lucas county, Ohio, on April 5, 1884, a son of John A. and Mary (Bechtol) Ziegler, and grandson of Jacob Ziegler, born in Switzerland, who at the age of fourteen years was brought to the United States by his parents, who acquired a farm in Lucas county, Ohio. When George M. Ziegler was two years old his parents came to Franklin township and bought the farm on which they are still living.

Until he was sixteen years of age George M. Ziegler attended the rural schools of Lucas and Fulton counties, and from then on has been engaged in farming. At the time of his marriage he located

on his present farm, and is carrying on a general line of farming and raising Holstein cattle, being very successful in both lines of agricultural activity.

In 1914 Mr. Ziegler was united in marriage with Helen E. Stemen, a daughter of Rev. Andrew J. Stemen, then of Van Wert, Ohio, but now in charge of the United Bretheren Church at Warren, Ohio. The maiden name of the mother of Mrs. Ziegler was Tillie Baxter. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have three children, namely: Elinor Frances, who was born in 1915; Clarence Stemen, who was born in 1917; and Jean Catherine, who was born in 1919. In his political convictions Mr. Ziegler is a republican, and was elected a member of the school board of his district for a term of six years in 1920. He belongs to the United Bretheren Church. A man of untiring industry, Mr. Ziegler keeps things moving on his farm, and everything is in the best of order. Having devoted his life to farming, he understands every detail of his business, and is interested in any movement which has for its object the improvement of his neighborhood or the raising of the standard of living for the farmer. However, he is too practical to advocate any extravagant expenditure of public funds, knowing that it is better to have things done right and economically, and his advice is recognized as being sound and to the point both on matters agricultural and political.

Charles E. Schuch, a respected and prosperous farmer of Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, is of German origin, but the family has had generations of American residence, mostly in the State of Pennsylvania. Charles E. was born in the family homestead in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1865, the son of Jacob and Regina (Stoltz) Schuch. He was educated in public schools near his native place, and after leaving school took to farming occupations with good will and energy. He married in 1886, in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. He only stayed there a short while, however, and from the farm there he came direct to one in Franklin township, Fulton county, upon which he remained for about a year, then moving to Hillsdale, where he worked a farm for two seasons, then returning to Franklin township and taking a property near the farm he had formerly occupied. On that farm he remained for seven years and prospered, so that at the end of that time he was able to purchase the farm of eighty-five acres upon which the family has since lived. Mr. Schuch has shown alertness and enterprise in his farming, and has much improved his property, which is well adapted to the use to which he puts it, being a rich dairy farm. He has not shirked the hard labor necessary to bring the farm into complete bearing, and from time to time has employed much help. Neither has he shirked his share in the public responsibilities of the community. He has generously supported community movements of merit, and has upon more than one occasion shown a commendable public spirit. During the progress of the recent war he manifested a genuine loyalty, supporting the local committees to the limit of his resources in their war work requirements. In national politics he is a democrat, of independent leanings. As a matter of fact, he follows no party blindly, giving his vote to the candidate who measures up to his standard, and whose platform he can conscientiously indorse. Fraternally he is a member of the local branch of the Knights of Pythias Order. For many years he has been an active member of the local grange.

In 1886 he married Nettie Case, daughter of Jabez and Mary

Jane Case. She was born in Troy, Bradford county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Schuch have been born two children. Emerson Herdic, who is now thirty-one years old, is unmarried and lives with his parents, ably assisting his father in the operation of the farm. Mabel Louise was a school teacher for four years and is now bookkeeper with the Firestone Tire Company at Toledo.

Judson Martin Vanderveer, deceased, but remembered and revered by many of the responsible agriculturists of Fulton county, Ohio, in which he spent his whole life, was a man of estimable character, manifesting in his agricultural endeavors much of the worthy, manly characteristics of his pioneer forebears. The Vanderveer family is one of the old Dutch families of colonial New York. The name is encountered in many of the old records of that settlement, and at one time the family owned landed estate in what is now part of New York City. How the title to the land was lost to the family is not known to the present chronicler, and is not of particular significance to this record of Fulton county. Evidently Peter Vanderveer, who braved the rigors of frontier life, and in consequence brought the family into Ohio record, was not well circumstanced in material wealth. It appears that he was by trade a carpenter and mechanic, and came through the wilderness from New York state, driving an ox cart, seeking to win for himself and his family a homestead out of the privations and dangers of pioneer life. He settled on a tract of 100 acres in the district now known as Brady township, Williams county, Ohio. He removed to a farming property he had acquired near West Unity, Williams county, where he died in February, 1852. He had six children, four sons and two daughters, among his sons being Judson Martin, who was ultimately destined to spend so useful a part of his life in Fulton county.

Judson Martin Vanderveer, son of Peter and Sarah (Van Ortwick) Vanderveer, was born at the family homestead near West Unity, Williams county, Ohio, on April 27, 1850. He was not yet two years old when his father died. It appears, however, that the family continued to live on the West Unity property, and in the country schools of that place Judson was educated, this education resolving itself into the winter months spent in study, and the summer months spent in farm work, the country schools being closed for a long summer vacation during the growing months. In that way the boy received a public school education, and concurrently was of assistance to his brothers and his mother in the operation of the home farm. Eventually the farm became his own property, and he steadily worked it until he was thirty-four years old, until 1884. In that year he sold the farm to advantage, and removed with his wife and family to the farm in Fulton county upon which he lived for the remainder of his life, and upon which his widow still resides. Judson M. Vanderveer died on April 18, 1912, after a worthy life of sixty-two years, spent mostly in energetic application to production, and in intelligent public-spirited co-operation in the responsibilities of community life. He had very many sincere friends in Fulton county, and was esteemed as an earnest Christian and a good neighbor. He was an independent in politics, and had he wished he might have been elected to some of the offices in the local administration. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of the Fayette Lodge.

In 1875, in Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, Judson

Martin Vanderveer was married to Laura, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Beaty) McLaughlin, the former a well-known and successful farmer of Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderveer lived a long and happy wedded life, thirty-seven years passing before the demise of Mr. Vanderveer in 1912 ended the union in this life. To them were born three children, who, in the order of birth, are: Columbus Theodore, now forty-two years old, husband of Jessie Strawsbaugh, of Franklin township. They have three children: Lura Ethel, Nina May and Opal Grace. Phoebe, who married Perley Wallace, of Fayette, became the mother of six children: Martin Evan, who died in November, 1916, aged twelve years; Olin Cassius, now thirteen years old; Hubert Edward, now eleven years old; Edna Leona; Leo Donald; and Vivian Velehr: John Henry married Lydia Ruger on December 25, 1907, and to this marriage two children have been born: Ralph J., now eleven years old, and Robert Orville, six years old.

Mrs. Laura McLaughlin Vanderveer is thus fortunate in her children and grandchildren. She has also very many sincere friends in the community in which she has lived for so long.

Vernie E. Humphrey. One of the oldest active business men of Fayette is Vernie E. Humphrey, who does a day's work every working day at his store. Mr. Humphrey's father was one of the founders and builders of Fayette, and the useful career of the son has been in keeping with the honorable traditions of the family here.

Mr. Humphrey was born in Fayette December 10, 1868, son of Rensselaer and Cornelia (Emerick) Humphrey. His father, who was born in Seneca county, New York, came to Fulton county and bought a tract of land, covered with a heavy growth of timber, and cleared away the space where part of the town of Fayette now stands. His land embraced all the south side of Fayette. He was a carpenter by trade, and among other services rendered by him in early times was the building of the first frame schoolhouse in Gorham township. He and his wife are long since deceased. Their children were: Hannah, widow of N. Shipman, at Fayette; Mina, deceased wife of Lewis Ackley; Anna, Mrs. A. L. Ford, of Fayette; Elva, widow of James Kellogg, of Wichita, Kansas; Elmer, deceased; Charles, of Jackson county, Michigan: Elery, of Clinton, Oklahoma; Vernie E.; Millie, wife of H. C. Williams, of Toledo; Lelia, Mrs. Aaron Klopfenstein, of Clinton, Oklahoma.

During his boyhood at Fayette Vernie E. Humphrey attended the local schools and the Fayette Normal, and when he was sixteen years of age he left home and went west to Sedgwick county, Kansas, near Wichita, which was then a boom town on the western frontier. He worked on farms in that vicinity about two years after which he returned to Fayette and for six years busied himself with his duties as clerk in the general store of A. J. Howard. About 1892 Mr. Humphrey again went west and participated in the race for land at the opening of the Cherokee strip in Oklahoma. He secured 160 acres, and occupied it six months before he returned home. He then engaged with W. L. Millnor in the drug business, and that partnership continued about six years. President McKinley appointed Mr. Humphrey postmaster at Fayette, and by reappointment he held office more than fourteen years. After retiring he moved to a farm in Lenawee county, but six years later sold his farm and then bought an interest with Mr. Fish in a clothing, men's

furnishing goods and shoe store at Fayette, the business to which he is now giving his chief attention.

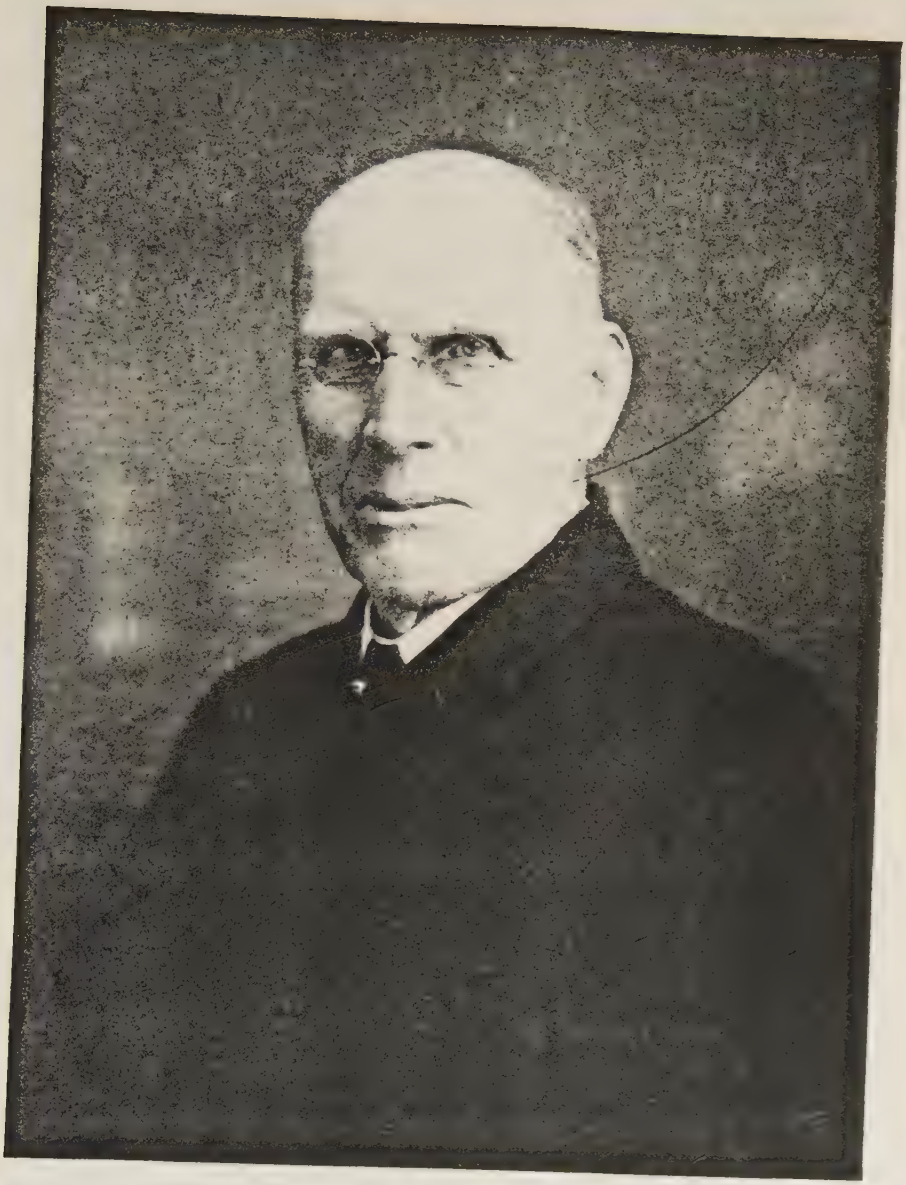
Mr. Humphrey and family attend the Methodist Church. In politics he has been a staunch republican and a leader in his party. In 1889 Mr. Humphrey married Sadie Borton, a native of Fulton county and daughter of William and Regina (Oliver) Borton. Her father was a native of New Jersey. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are: Beulah, at home, and Lanah, wife of Robert R. Towne, of Newark, New Jersey.

Richard Samuel Kester, M. D. The noble aims that seem to inspire some men's entire activities necessarily and compensatingly lead to far-reaching results. A life of unselfish effort devoted to his fellow men in even more than one line may not bring the plaudits of the unthinking multitude, even when the recipients of the cheer and encouragement that helps them on their way. The gift is not given to all men to minister acceptably to both mind and body, to be able to point the way to heavenly things and to also minister to earthly ills, but such a privileged life is led by Dr. Richard Samuel Kester of Wauseon, a physician well known over the country, and a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Of sturdy stock, reaching back many generations to Scotch, Irish and German ancestry, Doctor Kester counts both agriculturists and professional men among his ancestors. His birth took place in De Kalb county, Indiana, May 5, 1847. His parents were Peter S. and Annabelle (Widney) Kester, and his father at that time was a substantial farmer in Washington township, De Kalb county. There the youth attended the country schools, and later completed the public school course at Auburn. He assisted his father on the home farm until he became a soldier, enlisting for service in the Civil war in November, 1863, at Kendallville, Indiana. As a member of Company C, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he was sent first to Louisville, Kentucky, and from there to Pulaski, Tennessee, and later participated in the battles at Franklin and Nashville, the engagement at Franklin being deemed one of the most severely contested battles of the whole war. He assisted in the building of the pontoon bridges over the river, the yellow waters of the Cumberland making the work one of great danger. With his regiment Mr. Kester camped at many points in Tennessee for a more or less length of time on the way to Texas, where the regiment was stationed from July to October, 1865, then returned to Indianapolis, and there he was honorably discharged. He has reason to refer with some pride to his military career, for it reflects honor upon him.

After the close of the war and his return home Mr. Kester taught school for a time and also worked at the carpenter trade in Auburn, during all this time cherishing hopes of becoming a physician. Finally he went to Waterloo, Indiana, and there spent a year in the study of medicine in the office of Doctor Shepherd, and with this preparation in 1880 entered Hahnemann College at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1883. He was an indefatigable student during these years, not only keeping up with his classes in the college, but taking post graduate work at the Chicago Medical Institute, from which he was also graduated in 1883.

Doctor Kester entered upon the practice of his profession at Avilla, Indiana, where he remained for eight years, during four years of this period also operating a drug store. He then disposed of his



Dr R S Kesler

store, exchanging it for property in Chicago, and then moved to Kendallville, Indiana, where he devoted himself to the practice of medicine for the next ten years, removing then to Columbus City, Indiana, and from there in 1900 to Toledo, Ohio, where he established himself on Glenwood avenue and remained eight years, becoming one of the prominent medical men of that city. Before coming to Wauseon, in 1917, he practiced medicine at North Lewisburg, Ohio, for fifteen months. Always busy in a professional way because of his medical skill, Doctor Kester for years has been a useful factor in the world in still another way. Careful and conscientious as a physician, he has brought healing of the body to the afflicted wherever he has exercised his skill, while as a local minister of his church body he has labored just as faithfully in this field as the other. He still is serving both city and country churches as opportunity offers, and still carries on his medical practice.

Doctor Kester was married August 1, 1869, to Margaret Barnhart, a daughter of Peter and Mary (McFarland) Barnhart. Mrs. Kester died in 1914, having been the mother of six children, of whom the following survive: Bert, who married and settled at Atlanta, Georgia, has two children; Clyde J., who lives with his family at Detroit, Michigan, has three children; Ivy L., who is the wife of Francis Myers, of Toledo; and Loretto, who is the wife of Melvin Castleton, of Toledo. Doctor Kester's second marriage was to Dora J. Longwell, a trained nurse, a daughter of Tilghman Tellner, of Bucyrus, Ohio.

Earl Nelson Baldwin. There is a Michigan side to the family story of Earl Nelson Baldwin of Fayette. He was born November 3, 1878, in Medina township, Lenawee county. He is a son of Nelson and Sarah (Sims) Baldwin. Nelson is a son of Charles Baldwin and a native of Lenawee county, while the mother came from Monroe county, New York. However, they were married in Michigan. For many years they were farmers, finally locating in Morenci, that haven of retired farmers. The mother died in 1905, and the father in 1914 in Morenci.

Beside his common school education Earl N. Baldwin attended the Fayette Normal, and then entered the hardware business in Morenci. Four years later he transferred his business interests to Fayette, and he has prospered in a general hardware store.

In October, 1911, Mr. Baldwin married Myrtle C. Rorick. She is a daughter of Mark and Mary (Porter) Rorick, and is a native of Seneca township, Lenawee county, Michigan. Their children are: Ned, Mark, Pauline, Roscoe, Duane and twins, Cary and Mary.

George W. Griffin. The Griffin family as represented by George W. Griffin of Fayette came west from New York to Ohio as early as 1835, the ancestry crossing Lake Erie and living for a time at Maumee before going by wagon to Adrian, Michigan, and later to Fayette. George W. Griffin, who relates the family history, was born in Fayette July 12, 1855, and all of his life has been spent in Fulton county. He was born within its borders five years after its organization.

G. W. Griffin is a son of James L. and Eliza Ann (Acker) Griffin. The father was born in Catskill county and the mother near Fayette, New York. His grandparents were William and Sarah (Sloat) Griffin, and George and Lydia (Holbon) Acker. The Ackers came from Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio, locating in Gor-

ham township. When the father of James L. Griffin and his family arrived here they turned over the wagon box to shelter the family at night, and after their arrival in Gorham township they converted the virgin timber country into a homestead.

The Griffins left the farm in 1895, taking up their residence in Fayette. While James Griffin is deceased, Mrs. Griffin, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, is still a resident of the community. Their oldest is George W. Griffin of Fayette; William, Whitfield and May died in early life; Orvidus A., deceased, was one of the leading opticians of the United States; Walter lives in Fayette.

When George W. Griffin was twenty-one years old he attended the Wauseon Normal School, and for a few years he taught in the public schools of Fulton county. While engaged in the teaching profession Mr. Griffin went to Toledo and taught for a while in the House of Correction there. In 1878 he returned to Fayette and bought an interest in the Fayette Record. Until 1896 the newspaper was published under the firm name of Lewis and Griffin, when Mr. Griffin disposed of his newspaper stock and devoted his entire time to life and fire insurance. He now represents twelve different insurance companies—fire, life and accident, and he also does automobile insurance.

Mr. Griffin represents the Travelers Life and Accident Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, and he is also engaged in local real estate transactions. He is a director of the Fayette Savings Bank, and secretary of the Fayette Canning Company. Mr. Griffin's children are as follows: Grace May, wife of Frederick H. Lee of Seattle, Washington; and Gertrude L., wife of Roscoe Roth of Toledo.

Mr. Griffin has had much to do with the material development of the community. He has built and rebuilt thirty-two different buildings in and about Fayette. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Griffin has filled two vacancies as justice of the peace, and he has been a member of the council and Fayette corporation clerk. Beside his own business interests, he has been guardian and looked after the financial interests of others in seventeen estates.

Mr. Griffin is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 431 of Fayette, of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 689 of Fayette, and he is on the official board of the Fayette Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edward D. Schad, owner of a good coal and fertilizer business in the City of Wauseon, Ohio, and a native of Fulton county, had shown much ability and versatility in his manhood occupations. Reared on a farm, and restricted to an elementary education such as was only possible in the facilities of a country school, and able only to attend school for about three months each year, he nevertheless proved himself as the years passed to be a man of convincing power as a speaker, and of deep understanding of the Scriptures. Although his occupation until he was twenty-nine years old was farming, he then became a successful evangelist, and for five years thereafter followed that calling, preaching over a wide circuit in Ohio and Michigan. Then followed years during which his main occupation was farming, but in 1917 he came to Wauseon, so that his children might take the higher educational facilities of the city, and he entered commercial business as a coal merchant, his success showing that he is a man of good business ability.

He was born in Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, on

August 6, 1872, the son of Christian and Catherine (Swartzendruber) Schad. The family is originally of Teutonic ancestry, but has the distinction of being among the old colonial families of Pennsylvania. It has been stated that the American progenitor of the branch of the Schad family to which the Fulton county, Ohio, family belongs settled in Pennsylvania in the seventeenth century, so that he may have been of the Dutch holders of the territory, before the coming of William Penn. In the pioneer days, Christian Swartzendruber, grandfather of Edward D. Schad, drove his team from Pennsylvania into the wild land of Fulton county, and settled at Franklin township, where he farmed until his death, leaving a cleared and improved property to his sons. Christian Schad, father of Edward D., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was brought from there by his father in the late '40s to Fulton county. He farmed the Schad home property until his death, at which time Edward D. was only eighteen months old, so that the young days of the latter were passed under somewhat rigorous conditions. As a boy he worked for about nine months of each year on the home farm, going to school during the winter months, although even then he probably did much of the necessary work of the farm before and after school hours. Eventually, however, he grew to manhood and assumed full control of the farm. He married when twenty-seven years old, and two years later his strong religious impulses, together with his natural power of speech, drew him into evangelical work, and for the next five years he occupied the pulpit almost continuously. He was a convincing preacher, and had much success in his circuit. He then was called to the Methodist pastorate in Tedrow, Fulton county, which he filled satisfactorily. From there he took the Morenci, Michigan, pastorate of his own denomination. During most of this time he managed his farm of 100 acres which he had bought, and there lived, successfully farming it for seventeen years. After giving up the pastorate of Morenci, he again took up evangelical work during the winter months. When it became necessary to move into the city, so that his children might be properly educated, he rented his farm, and since the fall of 1917 has been in business in Wauseon as a coal merchant and dealer in fertilizers. His coal yard was on the D. T. and I. Railroad until he moved to his present location on North Fulton street. It has been stated that his coal business is one of the largest in the city, and that it also embraces a good country trade. Certain it is that Mr. Schad has shown much energy and good business capability since he ventured into business in Wauseon.

As will be assumed by the reading of the foregoing, Mr. Schad is a man of strong religious principles and fervor. He is a member of the United Bretheren denomination, and of late years has been much interested in Sunday school work, and to some ertent he has entered into public affairs, having for six years, while on the farm, been trustee of Dover township, Fulton county. In national politics he gives allegiance to the republican party.

In 1898 he married Emma, daughter of John and Ursula (Seiler) Winzeler, of Franklin township, and to them have been born three children: Inez, born in 1899, and now attending Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana; Elmer, who was born in 1901, graduated in 1920 from the Wauseon High School; and Laura, born in 1903, is now in her junior year in high school.

John B. Meister, senior partner of the firm of J. B. Meister and Sons of Pettisville, Fulton county, Ohio, is one of the leading busi-

ness and public men of that section of the county. He has lived a commendable life, has been in substantial merchandising business for forty years, and has taken good and able part in public life. He was one of the founders of the Pettisville Savings Bank, was probably the one most influential and active in its organization, and has been its president since its establishment. He has been a justice of the peace for twenty-five years, and has interested himself actively with educational matters as a member of the local board of education.

John B. Meister was born in German township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1858, and comes of one of the pioneer families of that district. The family is of Swiss origin, George Meister, grandfather of John B., having been born in that country. He came from the canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, to America in 1830, and his was one of the first nine families to settle in German township, Fulton county where they located in 1833. The nine families came together with ox teams through the wilderness from Wayne the part of the trip after crossing the river at Napoleon taking nine days, and George Meister settled with his family at the ridge now known as Lauber Hill. At that time Benedict, father of John B., was only three years old. As he grew older he, with the others of the family, aided his father in clearing what proved to be a valuable property at Lauber Hill. He spent his whole life there.

John B. was born in the Meister homestead, the son of Benedict and Anna (Allion) Meister, and in that township was reared, as was his father. He attended the district school during the winter terms, but during the long summer months there was no school, and he followed the custom of other sons of farmers, and labored in the fields for his father until the harvest was practically over and the winter school term began. So passed his boyhood. After leaving school he gave all his time to affairs of the home farm of eighty acres until he was twenty-one years old. Then he decided to enter commercial life, for which he felt himself to be better fitted than for farming. He secured employment as clerk in the general store of J. E. Hall at Waterville, holding that connection for about twelve months. He mastered the business during that period, and returned on January 23, 1884, to Pettisville, to acquire with his brother the general store business of S. C. Brainard of that place. The brothers traded as Meister Brothers, but at the outset John B. conducted the business alone, his brother coming into active participation in its operation after the business had become well organized and established. For twenty-four years the partnership continued, the brothers prospering and giving good service to local people, and expanding the radius of outside business. John B. then purchased his brother's interest in the business, and having built a new store, soon afterward moved into it. And there the business has since been conducted, in the earlier years by himself alone, and latterly with the aid of his sons, Ralph W. and George E., who were admitted into partnership when old enough, and after they had demonstrated their capability. Since the entry of the sons into the business the firm-name has been J. B. Meister and Sons, and the trading has been of comprehensive scope, embracing a full line of reliable dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and hardware.

To some extent, by reason of his ancestry, but mainly because of his own sterling character, John B. Meister reached a high place in the regard of the people of Pettisville and of that vicinity. He has always given good service, has always been ready to take a good share in the responsibilities of the community, and has been liberal

in his support of local undertakings, in church and civic affairs. During the last decade he has taken prominent part among the bankers of Fulton county, being the president of the Pettisville Savings Bank, of which he was one of the founders in 1909. He has been elected term after term as justice of the peace, until his record in that office embraces a period of twenty-five years. He must therefore be a man of fair mind and impartial judgment. He has also served for many years on the Pettisville board of education. Politically he is a republican, although he has never followed national politics with a view to political office; in fact he has never sought office, being quite sufficiently occupied by local affairs, and by the multitudinous affairs of his private business. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Order, a member of the Wauseon Lodge.

Thirty-five years ago, in 1885, he married Martha, the daughter of William and Nancy (Kritzer) Fraker, of Clinton township, Fulton county. To them have been born three children. Ralph W., who is now thirty-two years old, is a business partner with his father. George E., now twenty-nine years old, and also a partner on the firm of J. B. Meister and Sons, although in 1917-1919 he had no part in the affairs of the company, for he was during that period in national service. In fact he is now a veteran of the World war, and one with a creditable record of service. He was one of the early volunteers for military service, and sought the branch upon which the brunt of the fighting fell. He was a member of the Eighteenth Company, Fifth Regiment of Marines, Second Division, and was wounded at St. Mihiel. Later, he was with the Army of Occupation in German territory. The third child in the family is John B., Jr., who was born in 1900, and is attending Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio.

Otto A. Waldvogel, a native of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, has had a successful business career, notwithstanding that he is yet scarcely into his thirties. He was for five years cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Archbold, and later manager of the Auburndale branch of the Continental Trust and Savings Bank, and latterly has been president of the Acme Level and Manufacturing Company, a growing Archbold corporation he himself organized and is bringing into satisfactory and substantial establishment. He has shown much ability in responsible affairs, and is actuated by a commendable strength of character and logical optimism.

He was born in Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, July 18, 1890, the son of John and Elizabeth (Mandley) Waldvogel. His education was obtained in the public schools of the borough, and after graduating from the Archbold High School he applied himself energetically to what seemed to him to be lucrative work. For about twelve months he was in independent business as a trucking contractor, but he was characteristically fitted for the higher spheres of executive business. After about one year at trucking he secured appointment as cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Archbold, and for the next five years continued with that bank in that capacity. Then came a promotion as a banking official, he being placed in charge of the Auburndale branch of the Continental Trust and Savings Bank. About twelve months later he took up another interest, and after about another year he interested himself in the organization of the company with which he has since been identified. The Acme Level and Manufacturing Company, of which

he has been president since its inception, was organized with a capital of $25,000 to manufacture chiefly spirit levels, although since its establishment its scope of trading has appreciably widened, and includes now a comprehensive line of hardware and many hardware specialties. The business is being ably managed, and is of good standing in the district. The men identified with it are of the type of Mr. Waldvogel, and there is every probability that its business will continue to expand, and that it will become one of the important manufacturing concerns of the town of Archbold.

Otto A. Waldvogel is a republican in political affiliation, although he has not yet evinced an active interest in such movements, and certainly has shown no desire for public office. He is, nevertheless, a man of good public spirit, and has been a useful contributor to many local projects of public character. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Chapter. Religiously he is a Baptist, and sincere in church work, being a member of the Archbold church of that denomination.

In 1910 Mr. Waldvogel married Florence, daughter of John and Aurilla (Murphy) Reith, of Pettisville, Fulton county, Ohio. They have two children: Lowell H., who was born in 1911, and Lorene Elizabeth, born in 1917.

Ervin Franklin Heist, of the enterprising firm of Heist and Hill of Wauseon, has been coming to the fore during recent years of good business in Wauseon and Fulton county. He and his partner have the agency for the Chevrolet car, and are developing a substantial business in tires and auto accessories and supplies generally, and also have done an appreciable business in agricultural implements.

Ervin F. Heist is the son of Franklin and Amanda (Fluck) Heist, and was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1878. In 1880 the family moved to Henry county, Ohio. At the age of nineteen years he left school, and from that time until he had reached his majority he worked on the home farm. Then he went to Fayette, Ohio, and entered commercial life, for almost four years working in a grocery at that place. For two years thereafter he was a clerk in a dry goods store at West Unity, after which for eighteen months he was connected with a clothing store at Montpelier. From there he went to Bryan, Ohio, where for more than four years he clerked in a local clothing store. In that capacity he eventually found employment in Wauseon, soon afterward taking over the management of the clothing department of the Wauseon store of C. E. Roseman and Company, with which company he remained connected for about a year. Then followed three years of independent business, in partnership with George J. Oakley, although in an entirely different business, the firm of Oakley and Heist handling agricultural implements. The partnership was successful, and at the end of three years Mr. Heist saw business advantage in accepting his partner's offer to purchase his interest. Soon after the dissolution of partnership Mr. Heist joined with Mr. Hill in establishing the firm of Heist and Hill, with the object of entering into the automobile business. The partners built an adequate plant at 222 West Depot street, Wauseon, and having secured the Chevrolet car agency for Wauseon and Fulton county, and made provisions for a wide scope of service in automobile accessories and repairs, the partners entered energetically into the business. They are both live, active men, and soon brought good returns to the partnership.

A substantial business has been developed in auto requirements, and they have satisfactorily handled a general agricultural implement business, and the future prospects are good for them.

Mr. Heist is a staunch democrat in national politics, and fraternally is identified with the local branch of the Knights of Pythias Order. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have many friends in Wauseon. Mr. Heist was married in 1906 to Elsie, daughter of Albert Thomas. One child, a son, has been born to them, Everett Duane, who was born in 1907, and now attends local school.

B. M. Borton. Among the enterprising and successful business people of the City of Wauseon should be placed Mr. B. M. Borton, owner of the Wauseon Auto Garage formerly conducted by David Morningstar. Mr. Borton has a substantial business, being agent in Wauseon for the Dodge and Oldsmobile cars and the Republic truck, and also doing a satisfactorily business in general auto supplies, handling the Dodge commercial line.

He was born at the family homestead in Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1881, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Riddle) Borton. He attended county schools until he was about seventeen years old, after which he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm for five years. Then for a while he farmed independently, having a property 100 acres in extent near Wauseon. He was, however, a man of aggressive characteristics, and more suited to executive or commercial occupations than for the more manual requirements of farming. Eventually he decided to give up his farm. For a year thereafter he was in Adrian, Michigan, in clerical capacity in the offices of the Wabash Railway Company. Next he was in Spokane, State of Washington, and there for a year he found employment as a salesman for a well-known seed house. He might have remained on the Pacific Coast had it not been for the illness of his father, which called him back to his native place. Thereafter he remained in his home state. He purchased a general store at Elmira, Fulton county, in 1908, operating it successfully for ten years. In 1918 he sold the store, in order that he might acquire the Wauseon Garage, owned by David Morningstar. Since that time he has lived in Wauseon, and has become well-known in the city among auto owners. His auto repairs and accessories trading is of wide scope. He handles the U. S., the U. S. Federal, Goodrich and Miller tires, and has an up-to-date tire repair department. With the Dodge agency for the city and three townships, and the agency for the Republic trucks and the Oldsmobile for Fulton county, Mr. Borton has control of a good business, and with his ability as a salesman he will probably know how to use it to good advantage.

He has made many friends since he has lived in Wauseon, and has shown an interest in the affairs of the city. He is a republican in politics, but in his busy life has not had the time to take active part in political matters. He belongs to the Church of Christ, and is generous in support of many activities of the community.

In Spokane, Washington, in 1907, he married Katherine E., daughter of George Becker, of Manchester, Michigan, Mr. Borton having met her when he was at Adrian, in the employ of the Wabash Railway Company. They have three children: Samuel B., who was born in 1908, Bernice Otillo and Marie Dorothy.

HARLEY S. HILL, partner in the Wauseon firm of Heist and Hill, the business of which covers a wide scope in agricultural implements, embraces auto sales and has a good place among the energetic business men of Wauseon. He is a man of good business ability, for many years was in the federal civil service, and since he has been in Wauseon has had good business success.

He was born on a farm in Madison county, New York, in 1879, the son of M. M. and Clarinda (Hyatt) Hill. His genealogy connects with good English and Dutch houses, and he received his elementary education in the district school nearest to his father's farm in New York state. Later he took the course at the well-known old Methodist Seminary, Cazenovia, in New York state. Still later, having decided to enter commercial life, Harley Hill took a business course at the Bryant and Stratton Business College, Buffalo, New York. Entering upon a business career, he for about six months worked in the Buffalo railroad office of the Pere Marquette, after which he was for a short time a clerk in the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railway Company's freight office at Toledo, Ohio. He left the employ of the railway company to enter the Federal civil service. He secured appointment by competitive examination in the civilian personnel of the War Department at Washington, District of Columbia, taking clerical capacity in the office of the quartermaster general. He remained attached to the War Department for about eighteen months, then being transferred to the Postoffice Department and assigned as clerk at Detroit, in which city he remained as a civil servant for three years. In 1912 he came to Wauseon and formed business association with Ervin Heist, the two, as partners, entering into business in the city and district as agricultural implement dealers, under the trading name of Heist and Hill, which name has since become so widely known throughout Fulton county. They established their business in the Old Armory Building at Wauseon, and that has ever since been their business address. Their business embraces the Fulton county agencies for the International Harvester line of implements and farm requisites, for the specialties of the John Deere Plow Company, and the New Idea Spreader Company, and they have the agencies for two good makes of automobiles, the Chevrolet and the Grant. The sales rooms of the partners cover the space of a new building, 50 by 150 feet, and there is every evidence that a good volume of business is done. The partners stand in enviable repute locally, and Mr. Hill has shown a generous interest in projects of consequence to the city, or to some phase of its activities. Politically he is a republican, attends the Baptist Church, and is a consistent supporter of the local church. Generally he has shown himself to be among the representative, responsible citizens of Wauseon, ready to take his share of the responsibilities of communal life.

In 1909 he married Nellie B., daughter of H. L. and Adelaide (Beech) Moseley, of Wauseon. They have one child, a son, Maurice M., who was born in 1914.

EDWARD DANIEL HAHN, owner of an iron and steel works in Wauseon, Ohio, since 1912, and well-regarded in the city as a responsible, successful man of business, was born within twelve miles of Gettysburg, Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1856, seven years before the locality became nationally famous. His parents were Andrew and Elizabeth (Wentroth) Hahn, the former a farmer well-regarded in that neighborhood, where he spent most of his life, and where

he owned a good farming property. Edward D. was reared in the wholesome environment of the paternal farm, and attended school until he was about seventeen years old. After leaving school he began to work for his elder brother, who owned a grist mill in Adams county. For five years Edward D. was associated with his brother in the operation of the Adams County Grist Mill, and then both came into Ohio, settling at Lewisborough, Preble county, where they jointly operated a grist mill. Later Edward D. went to Eaton, Ohio, and there took up another calling, that of blacksmith, at which work he remained in Eaton for three years. For eight years following that experience he was an independent tobacco planter and farmer at West Baltimore, Ohio, having purchased a farm there of twenty-five acres. He was moderately successful at farming, but at the end of eight years sold the property, and for nine years thereafter lived in Dayton, Ohio, where he had lucrative employment as builder of vestibule ends on passenger cars in the car works of Baring and Smith of that place. Then followed two years of less arduous work, as agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Dayton, but eventually Mr. Hahn returned to farming, purchasing a farm of eighty acres situated at Melrose, Ohio, where he lived and farmed continuously for the next twenty years, after which he was in independent business as a blacksmith for six years in Mandale, Ohio. This brings his life story down to the year 1912, and he had succeeded moderately well during his thirty-nine years of business endeavor. He came to Wauseon in 1912 to purchase the smithing and buggy repairing and wagon building business at that place. Since that year he has conducted the business with very good success, having, it is stated, the largest and best equipped works of that class in the county.

Since he has been in Wauseon Mr. Hahn, who is an independent in politics, has shown himself to be a man of commendable industry, thorough and reliable in his undertakings, and of good moral and material integrity. He has shown good public spirit, and is among the responsible business men of the city.

He married in 1879, at Lewisburg, Ohio, Dora Schorf, daughter of William and Mary Schorf, of that place. Two children, sons, were born to them: William H., of Middletown, Ohio; and Raymond G., of West Milton. Both sons have married, and each has two children.

Fred Harrison Moyer, of Delta, is in the third generation of the name in the community. He was born at Swan Creek October 6, 1888, and his father before him, Edward Moyer, was born in Delta. The grandfather, Moses Moyer, came from Germany. He was one of the early settlers at Delta. He was one of those who organized the town, and he conducted the first hotel.

Edward Moyer married Caroline Slater, and for two years they lived in Delta. They bought and moved to a farm in Swan Creek, and after his death, she remained on the farm and managed it and brought up her children there. In 1911 she moved to Delta, and she died June 28, 1915. The children are: Hattie, wife of William Dickens, of Oreston; Frank, of New Glarus, Wisconsin; Ralph Foster, of Toledo; Hollie C., of Gallipolis; Jessie, wife of Norman Reighard, of Delta; George E., of Toledo; Fred Harrison, who relates the family history; Arthur R., of Louisville, Kentucky; and Joe Donald of the United States Army of Occupation stationed at Coblenz, Germany.

Mr. Moyer was educated at the Raker School in Swan Creek and in the Delta High School, and until he was twenty he worked on farms, then joined a construction crew on the New York Central, but one year later he went to the Moyer farm for five years. He has done carpenter work and house painting, finally joining forces with Mr. Holloway and becoming foreman in schoolhouse building at Portage. Mr. Moyer worked at the Helvetio Condensary, beginning as a common laborer and finally becoming assistant engineer, remaining there two years.

On June 1, 1919, Mr. Moyer became city engineer in Delta. He is in charge of the waterworks extension and other public work within corporate limits. On November 18, 1908, Fred Harrison Moyer married Goldie Lutton. She is a daughter of Lincoln and Minnie (Force) Lutton, of York township. Their children are: Ray Archibald and Edward Lincoln.

While living in Swan Creek, Mr. Moyer received the appointment as constable, and while the United States was engaged in war against Germany he was a deputy marshal in Delta. His father before him, Edward Moyer, served as justice of the peace for a good many years. Mr. Moyer belongs to two fraternal orders, the Masons and Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Delta. In his sons the fourth generation of Moyers now lives in Delta.

Michael E. Long. The family to which Michael E. Long of Delta belongs was among the early settlers in Sandusky county. He was born there February 27, 1852, a son of John B. and Lydia E. (Fry) Long. They were from Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and moved to Sandusky county in an early day. John B. Long was a United Bretheren preacher, and lived in different communities. However, Sandusky was in the nature of a permanent home to him. His wife died there in 1879, and he died in 1890, and many of their children died there. Those living are: Rebecca, wife of Adam Gurns, of Gibsonburg; Wesley, near Bowling Green; and Michael E. of Delta. Those deceased are: Louisa, Samuel, Jacob, Daniel, William, Arcanus and Mattie.

Michael E. Long attended public school at Gibsonburg and until he was twenty he worked by the month on farms until his marriage. On December 23, 1876, he married Jennie N. Fish, of Wood county. She is a daughter of John and Margaret Ann (Teft) Fish. For three years Mr. Long rented land, and then he bought a farm in Wood county. After four years he sold it and removed to Sandusky county. He bought a quarter section of improved land and lived there eighteen years. When he left the farm he moved to Gibsonburg, and hired a man on the farm for five years, when he rented it.

In the spring of 1913 Mr. Long bought one of the best residences in Delta and has made it his home. He owns a farm of 120 acres in York, and Mrs. Long owns the same sized farm in Fulton, and both are rented and they have an income from them. Their son B. Milen Long married Ethel McMillen, and they have one daughter, Mildred. They live in Delta. Ethel Long is the wife of H. B. Klotz and they have one daughter, Ruth. They live on the Long farm in Fulton. John William Long enlisted in the World war and is field clerk at Camp Custer, Michigan.

While John B. Long was a United Brethren minister, Michael E. Long does not belong to any church, but affiliates with different churches. He served as Sunday school superintendent and as an elder in the Disciples Church for many years, and since living in

Delta he has been active in United Brethren Church circles, and is teacher in the Sunday school at the present time. Mr. Long calls himself independent in a political way, and since he does not unite with any church he must be independent in his religious conviction. He affiliates with any Protestant denomination.

Robert Franklin Hancock, enterprising manufacturer and respected resident of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, comes of an old Vermont family, but his father came to Fulton county in 1860, and to Delta two years later. Since that time Robert Franklin Hancock has lived practically the whole of his life in or near Delta.

He was born at Brear, Ohio, February 1, 1858, the son of Daniel and Ann J. (Wallace) Hancock. Through his mother his genealogy connects with a Scotch-Irish family, she having been born in Ireland. His parents were married in Cleveland, Ohio, where at that time his father, a carpenter by trade, was in business. Later his parents settled in Brear, Ohio, and in about 1860 came into Fulton county, having purchased a farm in the county, upon which they lived for two years, although Daniel Hancock continued to follow his trade. At the end of two years, however, he sold his farm and moved into the village of Delta, Fulton county, where subsequently for very many years he was in independent business as a contractor and builder, some of the principal residential and other buildings of that section of Fulton county having been erected by him. He died in 1893, and his widow ten years later, both being buried in Delta, where they had very many friends and were generally esteemed as good neighbors and responsible, public-spirited residents. Their children were: John L., now of Harrison, Clare county, Michigan; William, deceased; Ellen, who married Esmond Kinyon, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Sarah, who married George Dunham, of Elsa, Clinton county, Michigan; Robert Franklin; Daniel, who died at the age of three years; and Emma Jane, who died in infancy.

Robert Franklin, fifth child of Daniel and Ann J. (Wallace) Hancock, was only two years old when his parents came to live in Fulton county, and only four years old when they moved into Delta, so that he may almost be considered a native of the county. He grew to manhood in the county, attended the elementary and high schools of Delta, and when fifteen years old began to work for monthly wages on farms in the neighborhood of his home, continuing in such work until he was nineteen years old. He married at the early age of twenty-one years, and for eight years thereafter was connected in business with his father-in-law, George Cottingham, who was a manufacturer of potash in Delta. For the succeeding eighteen years, or until 1905, Robert F. Hancock followed farming on the old Cottingham homestead in York township, Fulton county. He was from his earliest years possessed of abundant energy, and has shown during his life much enterprise and business acumen. In 1905 he established in Delta a plant for the making of cement blocks for building purposes, and was the pioneer of that industry in that section of Fulton county. Much of the result of his enterprise is evident in buildings standing today in Delta and throughout the neighborhood. Mr. Hancock is still in business, and has had good success in his business endeavors. He is counted among the responsible business men of that part of Fulton county, and is of good personal repute.

In religious conviction he is a Presbyterian, a member and good

supporter of the local church of that denomination, being influenced perhaps to some extent in affiliating himself with that denomination because of his Scotch-Irish origin. His mother, probably, was a staunch Presbyterian, both in her native land and in this. Politically Mr. Hancock is a republican, although he has not evinced any inclination to follow political movements actively and personally, having no desire for political office. In local affairs and in community movements he has, however, always been ready to give substantial support to all that he has felt might prove an advantage to the community. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias Order.

On September 3, 1879, he married Melissa Cottingham, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, but who early in life was brought to this country and to Delta, Fulton county, by her parents, George and Elizabeth (Larder) Cottingham. Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Hancock reared from infancy to promising manhood Archie Rollin Hancock, their nephew, son of Mr. Hancock's brother J. L. They afforded their nephew a good education, and he now is a successful bank official of the Northern Bank in Toledo, Ohio. He is married, and the three children born to him and his wife, Gertrude Carpenter, are: Donna Berrill, Norman and Catherine.

Harvey Shadle. The autumnal equinox, A. D. 1919, marked an important milestone in the history of the pioneer Shadle family in Fulton county. On that day there was a family reunion and farewell dinner party at the old family homestead of almost three-quarters of a century—the home of Harvey Shadle. His father, Joseph Shadle, had obtained possession of the farmstead and family estate December 14, 1844, and had taken up his residence there November 15, 1845, two months lacking to round out three-quarters of a century at the time of this farewell dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shadle.

Few Fulton county families have remained longer on one farmstead, the transfer of the property from Joseph Shadle to his youngest son having been made December 13, 1884, and thus it has been the life time habitation of Harvey Shadle. Joseph Shadle and his wife, Jane (Burk) Shadle, were natives of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania. She was the older, having been born February 29, 1812, having a birthday only every fourth year, while he was born August 16, 1815, and they were married October 17, 1833, the year the stars fell, and twelve years later they took up their permanent residence at the Shadle family homestead in Fulton county, where they became such an integral part of the Ottokee community.

There were six children in the Shadle family when they located in Dover: Hosea, Richard, Rebekah, Allen, Ferdinand and Emaline, and here Mary, Luther, Harvey and Florence were added to the number surrounding their hearthstone. All but Rebekah and Ferdinand were living, and all the living but Florence were assembled at this family reunion and dinner party September 21, 1919, a sad goodbye to the old family homestead.

Hosea and Richard Shadle are octogenarians. At an Ottokee school reunion, which is an annual event in the community, on June 2, 1917, the Shadles were all present—a unique thing in family history. It was suggested by a member of their family, Mrs. Ann Whittaker Shadle, and was in honor of their old time teacher, Mrs. Julia Carter Aldrich, who always meets with them there. In

the vicinity of Ottokee are many who meet annually in this old time school reunion.

All the Shadles married and reared families except Ferdinand, who married but he had no children. Harvey Shadle, born December 19, 1854, married Ella Rawlins August 30, 1874, and they have always lived at the family homestead. While Mrs. Shadle is a native of New Jersey, the year before her marriage she came with her father and mother, John and Mary (Young) Rawlins, to Ohio. She is one of six children: Isabelle, Sarah, Hannah, Charles, Ella and Jacob. Only one sister, Mrs. Isabelle Gordon, is living today. Her home is in New Jersey.

One daughter, Louella, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shadle. She was born June 16, 1875, and August 16, 1893, she became the wife of Frank H. Mattison. On July 7, 1896, one son, Milford Harvey Mattison, was born to them. Her death occurred April 11, 1900, as a result of typhoid fever when it was epidemic in Wauseon and community. She was a graduate from the Wauseon Normal School, and her son, Milford H. Mattison, has had high school advantages and has become a practical printer. Since the death of his mother his home has been with the grandparents at the Shadle family homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadle have been successful in agriculture and animal husbandry, and after forty-five years of life together they left the home farm and went to live in Wauseon. The pioneer Shadle family contributed four sons to the Civil war: Hosea, Richard, Allen and Ferdinand, and in the Spanish American war the next generation contributed one soldier, James L. Verity, a grandson of Joseph Shadle. In all of its history the Shadle family has voted the republican ticket, and Joseph Shadle was one time a commissioner of Fulton county. He was one pioneer citizen whose memory is revered by all who knew him. His wife, too, was a useful woman in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shadle united with the Ottokee Methodist Episcopal Church more than forty years ago. For many years he has been one of the trustees and both are stewards—regular in their attendance and faithful to its support. He is a member of the Wauseon Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 156, and she is a charter member of the Pythias Sisters. They enjoy the social relation thus afforded them.

While their immediate family has been small, limited to one daughter and one grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Shadle are foster parents to Carrie Butler, who came to them as a child four years old, and she remained with them until young womanhood. She is a niece of Mrs. Shadle. She became the wife of Jackson Vleit. She is the mother of one son, Jackson Vleit, Jr., and they regard the Vleits as members of their own household today.

Hosea, the senior member of the Shadle family, is a resident of Los Angeles, California, and two days after the farewell family dinner he departed for his western home, and two months later Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shadle took up their residence in Wauseon. It was changed economic conditions—the scarcity of farm labor, that caused them to leave the old homestead in the Ottokee community. When the present commodious farmhouse was built it was with the expectation that it would be their life time place of residence. There is every farmhouse convenience, but the time came when the labor requirements were too much and they changed their environment for their declining years.

The name Shadle has always stood for industry and good citizenship in the history of Fulton county. In the period covered by the history of this pioneer Fulton county family the Indian trails, Ottokee, Wauseon, Winameg, the frontier byways, have given place to the hard surface highways; the rude log cabins of the pioneers have been supplanted by modern farm residences, and there are everywhere affluent conditions of environment. The Shadle family is intimately identified with the development and history of the Ottokee community.

Ervin Lantz, an enterprising and aggressive young man of Pettisville, Fulton county, is well-known in that section of the county, having been born in German township in 1894, the son of John and Elizabeth (Nobsinger) Lantz, of that place.

The Lantz family has had long residence in Fulton county, and have a good agricultural property in German township. Upon the home farm Ervin was reared, and upon that farm of eighty acres he has spent most of his life. He attended the country school nearest to his home for the elementary grades, and later was a student at the Archbold High School. After leaving school he remained at home until he was twenty-two years old. The next two or three years were spent in many occupations in the vicinity, mainly in farming and merchandising. He appears to have done well during such enterprises, and being of a steady, thrifty nature saved some money, sufficient to purchase the interest held up to January 1, 1919, by Mr. Weber in the auto sales business of Weber and Rychener of Pettisville. Taking his place as partner with Mr. Rychener, Ervin Lantz entered into the new business with a will, and appreciably aided the firm of Rychener and Lantz in a satisfactory year of trading in 1919. The partners are agents for the Nash and Dort cars, for Goodrich tires, enter extensively into the auto repair business, and has a good service station, which was built on Main street, Pettisville, when the business first was organized by Mr. Rychener and his former partner, Mr. Weber. And they carry a comprehensive line of accessories.

Mr. Lantz is an able and earnest young business man, and is making himself of appreciable value to the business, holding closely to his work, and manifesting alert, enterprising characteristics. He has very many friends in the neighborhood. Politically he is affiliated with the independent party in local affairs, although he does not enter actively into political affairs. He is unmarried.

Gideon Donald Wyse, who was manager and partner of the Pettisville Grain Company of Pettisville, Fulton county, Ohio, is widely known throughout the county. In his township he is among the leading business men, is a director and stockholder of the Pettisville Bank, and he owns a good farming property. It is of interest to record that he comes of one of the pioneer families of the section, his grandfather, Peter Wyse, having come with a few others through the wilderness from Wayne county and settled on wild land in German township, where he lived to the venerable age of seventy-six years. The Wyse family was originally from Germany, but for three genrations have been United States citizens. Gideon Donald was born on a farm in Clinton township, Fulton county, September 24, 1865, the son of Samuel and Christiana (Swartzen) Wyse. He received the limtied education customarily afforded in the country schools of his time, the education resolving itself into what could

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN SHADLE

be gained during a winter term, for the school was closed for the greater part of the growing months, when the sons of farmers were generally expected to give what aid they could to their parents. He continued to pass the years in this manner until he was eighteen years old, when he left school and gave his whole time to the operation of the home farm of 112 acres until he became twenty-one years old, in which year he joined others in a threshing machine enterprise. At such work he passed the next seven years, doing a good thrashing business. He then again took actively to farming, having purchased the home farm from his father. He continued to cultivate the land for eight years, ultimately renting his farm so that he might be free to co-operate with a friend, W. J. Weber, in organizing and establishing the Pettisville Grain Company of Pettisville. The partners built a grain elevator of fifteen thousand bushels capacity, and jointly managed the business until 1909, when Mr. Wyse took over the whole management. Mr. Wyse has demonstrated his business capability, and by his enterprises has added very appreciably to his material wealth. He disposed of his business in the elevator and grain company December 1, 1919. He is one of the stockholders and a director of the Pettisville Savings Bank.

Politically a republican, Mr. Wyse has taken a somewhat active part in public affairs. He was elected trustee of German township in 1905, and for four years he has been a member of the board of education. By religious conviction he is a Congregationalist, and throughout his life has manifested a consistent attitude toward church duties. He is generally well-regarded in his home district.

In 1892 he married Katy, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Fryenberger) Rupp, of Clinton township, Fulton county. To them have been born three children: Flossie, who married Fred Neidhardt, of German township, and has one child, a boy, Don Wyse, born in 1917; Herma May and Ruth.

Mr. Wyse is a splendid representative of the successful self-made business men of Fulton county.

Allen and Ann Shadle. All about the highways and byways of Fulton county where the name of Allen Shadle is heard, the name of his wife is always coupled with it—Allen and Ann Shadle. While the Shadle family history had already been detailed by Harvey Shadle at the old family homestead in Dover, Mrs. Ann Shadle of Wauseon, who has always gleaned in the field of family genealogy, has a fund of information that is added to it.

It was November 6, 1845, that Joseph Shadle and his family left their home in Wayne county for the wild land he had already purchased the previous year in Lucas, now Fulton, county, through so many subsequent years known as the Shadle family homestead in Dover. They were nine days en route, driving their livestock with them, and for seventy-five years the Shadle family story has been interwoven with the history of Fulton county. In its early history the Shadle family reverts back to Germany and Ireland. Philip Shadle was German and Mary (McGlade) Shadle was Irish, and it was they who planted the family tree in America. They located in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and from there members of the family migrated to the different states. Joseph Shadle coming to Wayne county, Ohio.

There were eight children in this original Shadle family in America—sons and daughters of Philip and Mary (McGlade) Shadle. They were: Cyrus, Joseph, Philip, Chambers, William, Jordan,

Mary Ann and Sarah. It is the descent of the second son, Joseph, that lives in Fulton county today. Allen is the fourth child born to Joseph and Jane (Burke) Shadle, their names elsewhere enumerated, and August 9, 1862, he married. The records show that William Allen Shadle married Catharine Ann Whitaker, but since that day they are Allen and Ann.

"Oh, say, Ma—everybody was married in Adrian then," said Mr. Shadle in explanation of the statement made by his wife. They crossed the Ohio-Michigan line because it was a custom of the day, and since their attendants, Claudius Gillis and Polly Eliza Verity, were married at the same time it was the event of the season, both bridegrooms having just enlisted in the Civil war. While no license was then required in Michigan, the "high contracting" parties were given marriage certificates.

Mrs. Shadle was the youngest of five children born to David and Sarah Philips (Himes) Whitaker. They were: John, Sarah, Ruth, Amos and Ann. While Allen was born in Wayne county March 1, 1841, Ann was born September 12, 1842, in Huron county. He was one in a family of ten, of whom eight are living, while she is the last of the Whitaker family. The Whitaker family story reverts to Cheshire county, New Hampshire, where David Whitaker was born August 14, 1802, a son of John and Sarah (Philips) Whitaker. Sarah Philips was born July 28, 1807, in Oneida county, New York. They were married February 15, 1827, and their children were: David, Lyman, James, John, Isaac, Sarah and Mary.

David Whitaker, father of Mrs. Shadle, removed with his family from the east to Michigan in 1839, and May 29, 1840, the story begins in Ohio, Greenfield, Huron county, and here occurred the birth of their youngest daughter. It was in March, 1853, that Ann Whitaker came with her mother to Fulton county, and it was while both attended Ottokee School in the palmy days of Ottokee that she met Allen Shadle. The young people grew up together, and while they were married August 9, 1862, they began housekeeping April 1, 1863, on Elm Tree Farm in Clinton, where they lived a full half century. Here on January 9, 1866, their son Joseph Allen Shadle was born, and he was given the names of the two generations before him in the community

Joseph Allen Shadle's common scool education at Ottokee was supplemented with the high school advantages in Wauseon, and in June, 1886, he graduated from Fayette College. At the age of sixteen he began teaching, and there were young men and women older than himself in attendance. They all cherish his memory today. In October, 1887, he located in the State of Washington, where he soon became identified with the community and all of its interests. "He was ambitious, and the great State of Washington held out attractions."

Joseph A. Shadle had commercial interests at Roy, and he was steward of the Insane Asylum of Fort Steilacoom. In 1892 he was elected as a republican representative in the Washington Legislature, and success had crowned all his efforts and ambitions. He died in his western environment March 4, 1894, but his last long sleep is in the Ottokee cemetery near Elm Tree Farm—the home of his childhood, always so dear to him. On an easel in the home of the father and mother in Wauseon is a life size portrait, and at its base there are always flowers. Their greatest comfort in life is this tribute to the memory of their son—Joseph A. Shadle.

Allen and Ann Shadle had hoped to lean on the strong arms

of this son in their declining years, but memory is all that remains to them. Joseph Allen Shadle had lived twenty-eight years in the world, and in North Park, Wauseon, is a completed Soldiers' Monument, the thought suggested to Mr. and Mrs. Shadle by their son, who often remarked: "I hope to live long enough and to have wealth enough to complete that monument," and through their ministrations it is his tribute to the community. The pension fund that had accrued to the father, who was a Civil war soldier in Company H, One Hundredth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was used for that purpose. The monument had been begun at the close of the Civil war by patriotic citizens, but for want of funds it had remained unfinished for half a century.

This monument was finally dedicated September 20, 1918, the inscription reading: "This base was erected in 1867 by pioneers under the leadership of Col. D. W. H. Howard in memory of soldiers in Fulton county who enlisted in the Union army, 1861-1865, and finished in 1918 by Allen and Ann Shadle, at the request of their son, Joseph Allen Shadle, who died at Fort Steilacoom, Washington, March 4, 1894," and it stands there an object lesson of patriotism and devotion.

In the homes of many friends is a booklet: "Keep My Memory Green," with an introduction written by Hon. John C. Rorick, and signed tributes from other friends, that is a final tribute to Joseph Allen Shadle from his mother, a woman who has so many times written words of comfort for others. While this man and woman live at ease in their home in Wauseon, the loss of their son is a sorrow never to be forgotten by them. While Elm Tree Farm was the scene of their busy life activities, and the graceful, feathery elm has been preserved in picture and in written description, the farm has been sold and the tree destroyed by a storm, and only their Huron county farm and some western land are their realty today, aside from their retreat in Wauseon.

At Elm Tree Farm Mr. and Mrs. Shadle conducted a prosperous dairy business, and for eleven years they operated a cheese factory there. The Fulton county milk condensaries are an outgrowth of the dairy industry, and Mr. Shadle was always active in the good roads agitations that have rendered this mammoth industry a physical possibility. While serving as trustee of Clinton, he was instrumental in building the first piece of gravel road in Fulton county, notwithstanding the protest that there was "not a spoonful of good gravel in the county." The building of this road laid the foundation for the gravel road sytem now so widespread in the whole country.

In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Shadle were members of a party who toured the Great West in a car chartered for the purpose, and together they have visited thirty-four states, although northwestern Ohio suits them best of all. They were at the American Centennial in Philadelphia together in 1876, and in 1893 they were at the World's Fair in Chicago. They later attended many of the similar smaller expositions, and they had just returned from an outing in Detroit. They always attend the Grand Army encampments, and Mr. Shadle has served as commander of Losure Grand Army of the Republic Post, and as master of Ottokee Grange. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge and Mrs. Shadle to the Pythian Sisters. She is active in the Women's Relief Corps and in much of the social life about her.

Mrs. Julia C. Aldrich, who is an oracle in the community, attri-

butes the annual reunions of those who attended public school at Ottokee when she was the teacher to the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Shadle. One time when a log cabin was constructed on the Fulton county fair grounds Mr. Shadle contributed a log from Elm Tree Farm—one of the finest sticks of timber there, and along with many other older residents of the community he regrets the fact that this cabin was removed and without the knowledge or consent of those who placed it there. Whenever there is a community welfare movement Allen and Ann Shadle always respond cheerfully to the demands made upon them.

George R. Davoll, of Amboy, has always lived where he was born April 7, 1858, and he has the unique record of being the republican member of the board of education for twenty-eight years. He is a son of Job and Martha (Taylor) Davoll, and the father before him had the distinction of serving as the republican treasurer of Amboy nineteen consecutive years. Job Davoll and his wife were born and married at Collins, Erie county, New York. Their first western venture was to Bethel, Branch county, Michigan. After five years they returned to Erie county, New York, and two years later they came to Fulton county. They traded their Michigan land for land in Amboy.

The farm of today was in a swamp when Job Davoll bought it. As he improved the land he added another forty acres, but he died in March, 1869, without seeing the development of the country. His wife died in 1902, having attained to eighty-three years. Their children are: William, who died in infancy; Josephine, wife of A. O. Burrill, of Chico, California; Ann Ginevra, who died November 3, 1873; and George R. Davoll, who relates the history. He bought the interests of the other heirs and remained at the family homestead in Amboy. He has acquired fifty acres of other land in addition to the Davoll homestead.

On December 30, 1880, Mr. Davoll married Emily F. Setzler. She is a daughter of John and Louisa (Searles) Setzler, and was born in Huron county. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in the State of New York. Mrs. Davoll died October 10, 1917. There is one son, Charles A. Davoll, of Toledo.

G. R. Davoll has been through all the chairs as a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875 of Metamora. Where is there another citizen of Fulton county that has served the community in any one official capacity for more than twenty-eight years? When Job Davoll, who was treasurer of Amboy nineteen years, first went to Michigan from New York he walked, and when he moved there he went through with an ox team. The youngsters of today who are familiar with automobiles never saw oxen drawing vehicles along the public highways. The yoke worn by the oxen would be a mystery to them. What does the twentieth century child know about the ox yoke and the tar bucket, both so essential to travel in the early history of the United States of America?

Mr. Davoll was eleven years of age when his father died, and as the only surviving son he had practical responsibilities on the home farm far in advance of his years. While so many years of his life have been spent on the farm and in its work, his neighbors speak in terms of high approval of his public spirit, his fathfulness in matters of trust, and his kindly character.

Edward S. Davoll. Two generations back the ancestry of Edward S. Davoll of Metamora lived in Massachusetts. He is a son of William P. and Eliza (Sherman) Davoll, and was born June 25, 1853, in Amboy. While the parents had met and married in Erie county, New York, the grandparents had all lived in Massachusetts. They were John and Sarah (Foster) Davoll and Charles R. and Edith (Pickens) Sherman. In December, 1852, William P. Davoll and his wife came by lake boat from Buffalo to Toledo and overland to Amboy township, where they secured a tract of timber and he cleared it. He had 100 acres cleared when in 1884 he sold it and removed to Charlevoix county, Michigan. The wife died in February, 1909, and he died in September, 1912, and both lie buried at Metamora.

The children born to the Davolls are: William A., of Clarksville, Georgia; John, of Charlevoix, Michigan; Foster, deceased; Edward S., of Metamora. On October 15, 1876, he married Melinda Woodring, of Fulton township. She is a daughter of Reuben and Katie Ann (Watkins) Woodring, the father from Pennsylvania but the mother a Fulton county woman. For a few years he lived with his parents as tenant and part owner of the farm, and then moved to Burkey, where he engaged in mercantile business as a clerk.

One year later Mr. Davoll came to Metamora and worked for one man as a clerk four years, when he bought R. V. Gilbert's general merchandise store in Metamora. He owned and operated this store eight years, when he sold it and bought seventy acres of land adjoining Metamora. It was partly incorporated in the village. Mr. Davoll bought more land until he had 160 acres, where he handled livestock for nine years. He bought, fed and sold livestock, and this farm was an excellent place for the transactions.

In 1901 Mr. Davoll rented the farm, and when the Home Savings Bank of Metamora was organized he became its president. He has remained in that position with Horace Tredway, vice president; H. H. Tredway, cashier, and Charles J. Malone, assistant cashier. He is a broker in connection with the banking business.

From 1872 until 1881 Mr. Davoll taught in the district schools of Amboy township and Fulton township. The last two winters he taught in the community where he had been a school boy. Mr. Davoll had one son, Edward E., who met an accidental death at Burkey when he was three years old. Mr. Davoll is a republican, and he has served the community as justice of the peace twelve years, mayor of Metamora two terms and as president of the board of education at the time two schoolhouses were built. When a man who has made a success of his own business gives his attention to public affairs he usually brings business methods into it, and the public has the benefit from it.

Fred E. Perry, now serving his second term as county auditor of Fulton county, has been an active business man at Fayette and Wauseon for a number of years, and his business abilities, his working membership in the republican party, and his all around popularity have brought honor and credit to his administration of this important county department.

Mr. Perry was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, in 1880, a son of Erwin P. and Nancy (Seeley) Perry. He is of English ancestry. His first American ancestor was Jonathan Perry, who came from Plymouth, England, in 1627 and settled at Jamestown, Virginia. Later generations of the family supplied soldiers to the

American Revolution. As a family they have followed both agricultural and professional lines. Erwin P. Perry, who died in 1914, was an honored veteran of the Civil war. The widowed mother is still living.

Fred E. Perry finished his education in the Fayette Normal School, and in 1900, at the age of twenty, married Miss Jessie Gay, a daughter of Theodore and Dora (Eaton) Gay. Her people lived near the state line between Ohio and Michigan.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Perry took up a business career at Fayette with the Home Telephone Company. They remained with that institution fifteen years and became stockholders and managers. Mr. Perry was a director and the secretary. Since coming to Wauseon he has retained business interests as a stockholder in the Fayette Telephone Company.

Mr. Perry served eight years as secretary of the county executive committee of the republican party, has also been chairman of the county central committee. He was elected county auditor in 1916, and at his re-election in 1918 had no oppositon for this office.

Mr. Perry is a member of the Methodist Church, is a Knight Templar Mason and Odd Fellow, and Mrs. Perry is prominent among the Ohio Rebekahs, serving as president of the Rebekah Assembly of the state in 1915-16. Mrs. Perry has also been chief deputy in the auditor's office during Mr. Perry's entire term. At the last session of the Legislature the auditor's term was extended eighteen months, and Mr. Perry being the acting auditor receives the benefit, closing his term in March, 1923.

George C. Dudley, senior partner of the Wauseon Lumber Company of Wauseon, Ohio, and one of the business leaders in that city for the greater part of his business life, comes of a pioneer family of the district, and has himself been a material factor in the advancement of the city. As a business man he has been very successful, has manifested good organizing and administrative ability, and his many years of trading have brought him an enviable reputation as a man of rigid principles and business integrity. As a public worker he has demonstrated his interest in the city, has served on the city council under three mayors, and has given active and financial support to many movements of consequence to the community.

He is a native of Wauseon, born in the city on February 20, 1862, and has here spent all of his life. He attended the elementary and high schools of Wauseon, graduating from the latter. At eighteen years of age he was in the employ of the Lake Shore Railroad Company as telegraph operator at Wauseon. Two years later he was employed in the flour mill of Lyon, Clement, and Greenleaf, his association with that business lasting for twenty years, at the end of which time he was the owner of an interest in the business. In 1903 he sold his interest in the mill to Mr. C. D. Greenleaf, and soon afterward organized and built the Home Telephone Company at Bedford, Indiana, of which he became a director.

That undertaking satisfactorily accomplished, Mr. Dudley returned to Wauseon, and for two years thereafter was in business in the city as a furniture dealer, having an up-to-date and well-stocked store. In 1906 he sold the business to W. L. Milner and Company of Toledo, Ohio, and in the same year was one of the principals in the organization and incorporation of the Wauseon Lumber and Supply Company, of which Mr. Dudley became secretary and treasurer and Mr. F. J. Spencer, president. The business continued in

good trading until September 1, 1918, when the company was reorganized, the whole business being acquired by Mr. Dudley and his brother, Charles H. The trading name under the reconstruction became the Wauseon Lumber Company, and so the company is at present constituted. The business is of some magnitude, Mr. Dudley having very satisfactorily developed it before and since the reorganization, and it enters extensively into almost all branches and materials of a high-grade and comprehensive lumber business.

Politically Mr. Dudley is an independent, and has served as a member of the city council during the administration of three mayors. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias Order, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well-regarded in the city, and has given liberal support to many movements of community interest.

He married in 1888, at Wauseon, H. Louise, daughter of Lorenzo and Nellie (Durgin) Lyons, of Wauseon. To them have been born two children: Marjorie L., who is a graduate of St. Mary's College, South Bend, Indiana, and also of the Chicago Musical College, and Donald Lyon, who was born in 1896, graduated from the local schools and also took the four-year course at the Ohio State University. He is a veteran of the World war, having a creditable military record. In October, 1917, he enlisted in the most dangerous, as well as the most glorious, branch of the United States Army, the air service, his acceptance for this branch indicating that he was a young man of almost perfect physical condition. After enlistment at Toledo, Ohio, he was sent to Columbus Barracks and from there to the aviation training center, Kelly Field, Texas. Eventually he was transferred to Morrison, Virginia, soon afterward embarking for France. He saw service in France, and for a while was at the Aero Training Camp at Little Hampton, England. He was mustered out of the Federal service on December 23, 1919, and soon afterward resumed his civilian occupation; he has been for some time employed in the purchasing department of the Auto-Lite Corporation, Toledo, Ohio.

John Von Seggern. One of the successful farmers of Clinton township, Fulton county, who has worked hard for that which he now possesses, and knows how to appreciate the true dignity of labor and to place a correct estimate on the value of money, is John Von Seggern. He has honored this community with his citizenship in view of the fact that he has been an enterprising and progressive citizen who, while advancing his individual interests, has not been neglectful of the general good of the community.

John Von Seggern, who operates a fine farm of eighty acres in Clinton township, was born in Damascus township, Henry county, Ohio, on November 11, 1887, and is the son of Frederick and Caroline (Reuter) Von Seggern. The paternal family came from Oldenberg, Germany, to the United States when Frederick Von Seggern was ten years old and settled on a farm in Henry county, Ohio, where the grandfather spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1880. The subject attended the common schools of his home neighborhood in Henry county until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to work on farms in that neighborhood, being so employed until he was twenty-eight years old, when, at the time of his marriage, he bought forty acres of land in Clinton township. He entered actively upon the operation of this land and was so successful that in 1919 he rented forty acres additional, making his present

operations cover eighty acres. Here he carries on general farming operations, raising all the crops common to this locality, and by the exercise of good judgment and sound common sense he has gained a reputation as an excellent farmer.

In June, 1916, Mr. Von Seggern was married to Amelia Glantz, the daughter of Adolph and Sophie (Lockmann) Glantz, of Naomi, Freedom township, Henry county, Ohio. Mrs. Von Seggern died on February 12, 1919, leaving one child, Lucille Louise.

Politically Mr. Von Seggern is independent, reserving the right to vote for the best men regardless of political lines. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, to which he gives liberal support. Quiet and unostentatious, Mr. Von Seggern has attended strictly to his own affairs and because of his success and his right personal character he enjoys the respect of the entire community.

Fitch Jerald Spencer has been identified with the business and civic life of Wauseon for over forty years, is one of its foremost merchants, and is one of the oldest officials of the First National Bank, of which he is the first vice president.

He was born at Albion, Indiana, September 21, 1854, a son of D. E. A. and Margaret (Bowen) Spencer. He is of English ancestry, and the family has long lived in Ohio and in Indiana. As a family they have been chiefly merchants and farmers. D. E. A. Spencer was a merchant tailor at Albion, Indiana. Fitch Jerald Spencer secured his education there, attending the grammar and high schools to the age of eighteen, then went to work for J. D. Black at Albion as clerk. He spent seven and a half years with the firm of Clapp, Phillips & White at Albion, and on March 28, 1878, first came to Wauseon, where he was a salesman for G. W. Hull & Brother for eight years. This firm then sent him to Decatur, Indiana, as general manager of its branch store for a year and a half. He then bought the Decatur store, but after three and a half years returned to Wauseon in 1890 and acquired the business of the Hull Brothers. His associate was F. A. Stuempel, and they continued the business under the firm name of Spencer & Stuempel. Mr. Spencer then sold out to W. L. Milner, of Toledo, and at that time became vice president of the First National Bank of Wauseon, an office he has held for over a quarter of a century.

At different times he has also resumed merchandising. With Earl Edgar he bought and established the business of Spencer & Edgar, a firm that in 1915 was reorganized as Spencer, Edgar & Vollmer Company, and Mr. Spencer is president of this general dry goods concern, the largest in northern Ohio and having a trade all over Fulton county. Mr. Spencer is a director and general manager of the Northwestern Ohio Telephone Company, is president of the Arcade Building Company, and is interested in a number of other local concerns.

In January, 1880, he married Lizzie Bartlett, daughter of Ward and Elizabeth Bartlett, of Wauseon. She died in 1890. In 1892 Clara G. Brainard, daughter of Sereno Brainard, of Wauseon, became his wife. Mr. Spencer is a republican and has served as town councilman several terms. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in Masonry is affiliated with Wauseon Lodge No. 349, with the Chapter and Council, with the Knight Templar Commandery No. 7, and Zenobia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Toledo. He is also a member of the Wauseon Knights of Pythias.

C. E. Pontious. Undoubtedly the most practical important men in a community, from every point of view, are the enterprising, trustworthy business men, and narrowed down to its finest point, they are men dealing in food commodities. The demand for their goods is continuous and insistent, and it is a demand that cannot be denied, for the teeming millions of the world must have food, whether they have cultural advantages or civilizing conditions or not. Fulton county is the home of a number of practical, level-headed men, who are apt to take a common-sense view of most things, and well known among them is C. E. Pontious, who is the proprietor of a wholesale poultry and egg business at Wauseon.

C. E. Pontious was born at Wauseon, Ohio, in 1886, and is a son of Simon and Ann (Jennings) Pontious. He obtained his education in the public schools, and his first business experience was handling poultry and eggs for L. Madison, of Wauseon, with whom he remained one year. He was quite successful in this early venture, but wisely determined to provide for future contingencies by learning a useful trade, hence he worked four years in the plumbing shop of F. R. Harper, when he was deemed proficient. During the following year he worked as a plumber for John Mohr, and in this connection put in a large amount of the plumbing in newly erected buildings at that time in this city, all of which gave entire satisfaction. Circumstances then led to his again becoming interested in the poultry and egg business, and for the next six years he was connected with L. R. Jones in this line at Wauseon. For a short period afterward he was in the employ of Swift & Company, Chicago packers, and then went into the poultry business with Morrison & Company, at Bryan, where he continued until he accepted the management of the Rural Egg Company at Wauseon. In 1920 he became proprietor and now conducts the establishment for his own benefit. This is a wholesale business and draws trade from a wide territory. Mr. Pontious is well known all over the county, and his honorable methods of doing business have produced results most favorable to all concerned.

In 1910 Mr. Pontious was married to Miss Maud M. Widener, who is a daughter of John and Vina (Goebel) Widener, of Ellwood, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Pontious have an adopted daughter, little Nina Rose, now at the attractive age of four years, too young yet to realize her good fortune. Mr. and Mrs. Pontious are members of the Christian Church. Since early manhood Mr. Pontious has been a republican voter, finding in this party's platform and achievements the expression of his own views on public matters. He is a good citizen and a very busy one, and is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen Lodge at Wauseon.

William J. Harper, sole owner of the Indian Coal Company of Wauseon, Ohio, and a man who has succeeded well in his many enterprises of a long business career, has been connected with Wauseon since 1866, and has been in business since 1869, a period of fifty-one years. He is among the responsible, representative business men of Wauseon, and has many business and financial interests, being a stockholder and director of a coal mining company at Wellston, Jackson county, Ohio, of the Beaver Board Company of Buffalo, New York, of the Metropolitan Paving Brick Company, Canton, Ohio, and he has holdings in the Northwestern Ohio Telephone Company, in the Clinton, Iowa, Home Telephone Company, and in the Central Home Telephone Company,

Louisville, Kentucky. In addition to these financial interests, Mr. Harper also has real estate holdings in Wauseon and the vicinity. It will therefore be recognized that he has shown good business ability during his long and active career. And his long association with Wauseon people has brought him an enviable repute, both among business men and residents generally.

He is the son of John and Susan (Buckler) Harper, and was born near Inniskillin, Ontario, Canada, in 1854. He comes of an English family, his father and grandfather having emigrated from Berkshire, England, when the former was in his boyhood. The grandfather settled in Ontario, Canada, and followed agricultural pursuits, but his son John, father of William J., eventually became a machinist, mill-wright and pump-maker.

William J. attended the public school at Inniskillin, Province of Ontario, Canada, until he was about twelve years old. He came with his parents to Wauseon in 1865, and for the next three years attended the Wauseon High School. At fifteen years of age he began to help his father in the latter's shop in Wauseon, John Harper by that time having established himself in good business in that city as a wood pump-maker. William J. learned that trade and remained with his father until he was twenty-one years old. After a short time spent as fireman in the Bryan foundry, Wauseon, he entered into independent business as a building contractor, continuing very successfully in that business for nine years. Sickness then forced him to cease work, and when he again was able to take to business affairs he took up a somewhat different connection, opening a machine shop in Wauseon. He continued that enterprise with success for five years, his plant being known as the Wauseon Novelty Works. Then he again entered the contracting business, this time as a well-digger, being still interested to some extent in this business. In 1904 he opened a general hardware store in Wauseon, trading under the name of Harper, Blizzard & Company. Six years later he sold that business to Mr. Arthur Riddle, with good advantage to himself. And in that year, 1910, he became well established in Wauseon as a plumbing and heating contractor. He continued in business for a further five years, when he decided to retire altogether, having up to that time been forty-six years in business. Of course he could not altogether sever his connection with business, for the reason that much of his capital had been invested in industrial and commercial enterprises. Some of these interests have been before referred to, and, with his real estate interests, would have been sufficient to pleasantly occupy most men in retirement. Mr. Harper had, however, been in business for so very many years, had applied himself so energetically to industrial life, that his semi-retirement, in having only directorial duties to fill his days, did not satisfy him, and in less than three years from the date of his retirement he was again actively undertaking the daily executive routine of quite a substantial business. In 1918 he purchased the Wauseon interest of D. S. Knight, coal merchant, and during the last two years he has done quite a substantial wholesale and retail coal business, trading as the Indian Coal Company, of which, of course, he is the sole owner. The coal yard of the company is on the tracks of the New York Central Railway Company at Wauseon. Mr. Harper's business is not only with city customers; he has a good country trade, and he has a substantial interest in a coal mining business at Wellston, Jackson county, Ohio.

During his many decades of connection with Wauseon activities, business, social and civic, Mr. Harper has manifested a praiseworthy

public spirit. Politically he is a republican, latterly of independent leaning, and without seeking public office he has always taken close interest in political movements. His friends influenced him to stand for nomination for the office of county commissioner, but throughout his life his public actions have been entirely free from self-seeking. He has given generously to many local charities, and has personally furthered more than one project which he considered likely to prove of consequence for the city. In earlier days he was prominent in the functioning of local fraternal lodges, belonging, as he has for many years, to the Wauseon Blue Lodge of Masons, to the Defiance Commandery of that order, to the Knights of Pythias of Wauseon, and to the local branch of the Maccabees.

In 1875, at Wauseon, he married Martha, daughter of John and Jane (Smith) Linfoot, of Wauseon. One child, a son, was born to them, which son, F. R., now a well known business man of Wauseon, has married and is the father of three children.

Albert C. Lloyd. While his interests for several years past have been centered in the capable management of a farm in Gorham township, Albert C. Lloyd, a native of that section of Fulton county, has had his personal horizon enlarged by an interested and varied experience outside his native county.

He was born in section 23 of Gorham township, June 26, 1871, son of Ebenezer and Julia E. (Smith) Lloyd. His father was a native of Vermont and his mother was born in Chesterfield township, of Fulton county. All the grandparents came at an early date to Gorham township. The maternal grandparents were John and Mahala (Edmunds) Smith. Grandfather Lloyd lived to the extreme age of a hundred and one years. Ebenezer Lloyd also had a long life, and was ninety-three at the time of his death in 1917. The widowed mother is still living in Gorham township at the age of eighty. She ocupies the old homestead, where she and her husband located immediately after their marriage, and for many years farmed its eighty-six acres. Ebenezer Lloyd married for his first wife Lettie Southworth. The four children of that union were Ernest, who died in 1911; Mary, Mrs. Silas O'Dell, of Adrian, Michigan; Elmer, of Amsterdam, Ohio, and Anna, Mrs. Alonzo Smith, of Gorham township. Albert C. Lloyd was the younger of two sons born to his mother, his brother being Herbert R., of Chicago.

Albert C. Lloyd acquired a good education. At the age of fourteen he attended the district school at Handy Corners. He was then a student in the Fayette Normal, Music and Business College and the Fayette Normal University, graduating in the commercial and penmanship course. The following year he taught commercial practice and penmanship in a business college at Coshocton, Ohio. From there he moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia, and for years was head bookkeeper for the Curtis Music Company. While at Parkersburg he made use of his talents as a musician and was leader of bands and orchestras for several years. Since his return to Fulton county he has engaged in farming and stock raising.

November 26, 1911, he married Miriam E. Henry, who was born at Canandaigua, New York, daughter of Russell R. and Cassie (Galloway) Henry, natives of New York City. After his marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd for three years lived on the home farm, and he then bought eighty acres across the road in section 23 and improved it by the erection of a modern bungalow, one of the most attractive homes in that township. Thirty acres of his land was in timber,

and this he has cleared, and in many other ways directs his work along the line of advanced agriculture. He has put up a great deal of fencing and has laid about forty thousand tile to complete the drainage system of his farm. Besides his own place Mr. Lloyd farms the old homestead, which is known as the Lloyd Jersey Stock Farm. Mr. Lloyd keeps one of the largest and best herds of Jerseys in the county, forty-two in number, and much of the revenue from his enterprise is derived from his cream shipments. His farm is also the home of some good horses. He raises registered Axworthy and McKinney trotting horses. Another branch of his industry is poultry, specializing in the White Leghorn chickens and Mammoth Bronze turkeys. His hogs are the big type Poland China.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd have two children, Cary and Catherine. They are members of the Methodist Church, while Mr. Lloyd is a republican, affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fayette, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fulton County Fair Association.

Joseph D. Sargent is proprietor of one of the high class farms found in Gorham township, the place where he was born, and where his grandparents in pioneer times acquired land direct from the Government.

Mr. Sargent was born in Gorham township March 26, 1878, a son of Oscar M. and Georgia (Cottrell) Sargent. His father was a native of New York state and his mother was born in Gorham township. The paternal grandparents were Ephraim and Hulda (Collins) Sargent, while the maternal grandparents were Joseph and Maria (Lloyd) Cottrell. All were natives of New England and all of them arrived at an early day in Fulton county and settled on land grown up with heavy timber. Thus three generations of the Sargent and Cottrell families have contributed to the improvement of northern Fulton county. Oscar Sargent and wife after their marriage settled in Gorham township, and Oscar spent his active life as a substantial farmer in that section. He died February 24, 1912, and his widow is still living on the home farm. They had three sons, Joseph D. being the youngest and only survivor. Frank, the oldest, died when one year old, and Wilber was accidentally shot and killed at the age of fourteen.

Joseph D. Sargent since he was eight years of age has lived on his present farm. He acquired his education in the district schools supplemented by courses in the Fayette Normal. For a number of years he has been specializing as a dairy farmer, and has a herd of ten Holsteins, the prevailing dairy breed in this county. His farm comprises a hundred sixteen acres. Mr. Sargent is an official of the Methodist Church and in politcs is a republican.

October 2, 1902, he married Jessie Baker, also a native of Gorham township, and a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Muhn) Baker. Her father was born in New York state and her mother in Pennsylvania.

Relmon D. Amsbaugh, who has spent practically all his life in Fulton county, has had a career of more than ordinarily well directed purpose and energy, and has to his credit those achievements which represent real success, a good property, a good home, family and friends, and a respected name.

Mr. Amsbaugh was born June 12, 1855, in Richland county, Ohio, a son of George I. and Lovina (Hopp) Amsbaugh, also na-

tives of the same county. About the time he was born or a little before his father, George Amsbaugh, had come to Fulton county and bought eighty acres of timbered land in Gorham township. After the purchase he cleared a space, erected a house and other buildings typical of the time, and thus made preparations for the removal of his family. George Amsbaugh did his work as a pioneer well. When the eighty acres were well under cultivation he added land across the road, and about 1872 bought another forty acres a mile north in the same section. All of this became part of his orderly and well kept farm. Some years later he bought still another forty acres adjoining his first farm, and after his work had been done and the fruits of his career were in bountiful evidence, he died, honored and respected, in May, 1910. His wife died June 12, 1901. Their children were: Rissia, who died in 1893, wife of J. W. Lilly; Relmon D.; Frances, who lives at Fayette, widow of John Woolace; Cassius O., of Gorham township, and Jennie, who died in 1900, the wife of Elbert Cottrell.

On March 16, 1881, Relmon D. Amsbaugh married Estella E. Gay. She was born in section 8 of Gorham township, September 7, 1858. Both she and her husband grew up in the same community and received their educations in the local schools. Her parents were Willard E. and Adelia A. (Mace) Gay, both natives of New York, her father of Herkimer county and her mother of Onondaga county. Her grandparents were Amos and Sarah Gay and Abram and Sarah Mace, New York families, who were added to the citizenship of Fulton county in 1841.

After his marriage Mr. Amsbaugh moved to the old Gay homestead of a hundred twenty acres, owned by Mrs. Amsbaugh. Her father had died shortly before her marriage, on December 2, 1880, while her mother died June 13, 1883. Mrs. Amsbaugh had one brother, Theodore, of Gorham township.

After settling down Mr. Amsbaugh diligently cultivated the fields and improved the farm, remaining there until 1899. He then spent a year in the livery business at Fayette, after which he sold his stock and returned to the farm. In former years he was an extensive feeder of sheep, but his farm has been chiefly noted for its thoroughbred Holstein and Shorthorn cattle. Mr. Amsbaugh has reinvested his returns in farm improvements, and all the buildings on the farm except the house, which has been remodeled, date from his ownership and management. He also added another twenty acres in section 8 and forty acres in section 17. Mr. Amsbaugh is a prominent Mason, being affiliated with Lodge No. 387, Free and Accepted Masons, at Fayette, Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, at Wauseon, Council No. 111, at Wauseon, Defiance Commandery No. 30, Knights Templar, Toledo Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and has held nearly all the offices in several of these Chapters and Orders, and he is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 689 at Fayette. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star, Fayette Chapter No. 77.

Mr. and Mrs. Amsbaugh have two children, W. Mace and Georgia. The daughter is the wife of C. W. Sutherland, of Lenawee county, Michigan. They have two children, a son, C. W., Jr., and a daughter, Estella H. W. Mace is now the responsible manager of the Amsbaugh homestead, and has been in charge there since 1912. He has shown his abilties and good judgment not only as a general farmer, but has more than a local reputation as a breeder of pure bred Holstein and Shorthorn cattle.

William Otis Ford, who has been a resident of Fayette thirty years and prior to that time lived on his farm in Gorham township, has made his principal business since boyhood the buying of wool. He has been a wool buyer in this section of northern Ohio fully thirty-five years, and is one of the men who can speak with utmost authority on the subject of the sheep industry and wool production in Fulton county.

Mr. Ford, who is one of the veteran business men of Fayette, has long been active in civic and fraternal affairs of that comunity, was born in Gorham township October 19, 1846. His great-grandparents were Hezekiah and Hulda (Cobb) Ford, of old New England stock. His grandparents were Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford. Ansel Ford, who was born at Cummington, Massachusetts, June 27, 1788, became a farmer and carpenter in New England. Having a large family to provide for, he determined to seek better oportunities in the newer country of the west, and in the spring of 1841 arrived in Gorham township, then part of Lucas county. He arrived there with only five dollars in money, but at once arranged for the purchase of a hundred twenty acres of land covered with heavy timber, and made such good use of his time and energies in subsequent years that the greater portion of this tract was cleared and developed as a farm. Ansel Ford died December 21, 1858. His wife, Deborah Tower, was born July 16, 1786, and died August 1, 1869.

Cyrus Ford, father of William O., was born at Cummington, Massachusetts, March 18, 1821, and was twenty years of age when he reached Fulton county. He, too, gave his active years to agriculture, and died August 24, 1868, at the age of forty-seven. November 16, 1845, he married Fannie Landis, who was born in Erie county, New York, August 18, 1825. She was a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Conally) Landis, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. Margaret Conally was a sister of John Conally, who distinguished himself as a colonel in the American army during the Revolutionary war.

William Otis Ford acquired his early education in the schools of Fayette, including high school. He was married at the age of twenty-three, and he and his wife began housekeeping on a farm of eighty acres in section 21 of Gorham township. He planted his first crop on the land that had been cleared, and busily employed all his spare time in clearing additional acreage. He cleared a good farm there and continued to reside in the country until 1890, when he turned over his farm to a responsible tenant and moved to Fayette. Since then his principal business has been buying wool. He acquired his first experience in wool buying when about fourteen years of age.

September 11, 1869, Mr. Ford married Sarah Binns, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, September 17, 1847, a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Taylor) Binns. Her parents were natives of Bury, Lancashire, England, where her father was born August 22, 1816. At the age of fourteen he was bound out as an apprentice to a tailor, the term of indenture being seven years. He acquired his education by private instruction. His wife was born February 27, 1816, and they left England in 1835, and after nine weeks on the ocean landed in America June 12, 1835. In October, 1843, Mr. Binns located at Westfield, Ohio, and on December 8, 1865, was ordained a minister of the Universalist Church, and became widely known in several Ohio communities in that capacity. He became a resident of Fayette in 1867 and died June 17, 1889. Mr. and Mrs.

Ford have had no children of their own, though their home has been opened to many. They reared Clayton L. Murphy, an attorney, now of Toledo.

Mr. Ford has a long record of public service, having been deputy sheriff sixteen years, constable for about thirty years, for a time was truant and health officer, one term a member of the high school board. He is a republican in politics. One of the prominent Masons of Fayette, he served twenty-four years as treasurer of the local lodge, as junior warden two terms, and has also held chairs and offices in the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a Rebekah and Mr. and Mrs. Ford were charter members of Fayette Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Ford having served as its first treasurer and was worthy matron and past associate matron. She was one of the chief organizers of the women's rest room and one of its managers; also organized the Profit and Pleasure Club, and served as its president for three years. Mr. Ford is a member of the Fayette Detective Association of many years standing and is now president of that body. He has filled the office of Patron and Grand Sentinel of the Order of the Eastern Star of Ohio.

Newton Homer Ward was for a number of years associated in the furniture business at Fayette with L. J. Pike, a veteran business man of the community, and since Mr. Pike's death the establishment has been carried on with progressive enlargement of its facilities and service by Mr. Ward.

Mr. Ward was born at Holbrook, Canada, April 3, 1874, son of Samuel and Sarah Matilda (Freland) Ward. His father was a shoemaker, and after leaving Canada followed his trade at several points in Michigan until 1886, when he located at Fayette, Ohio. For nearly thirty years he continued his trade and business here, but since 1915 has been retired and makes his home with his children. His wife died in February, 1908. Newton H. is the youngest of the children, the others being noted as follows: Chauncey A., of Fostoria, Ohio; Della, Mrs. George Newberry, of Croswell, Michigan; Olive, Mrs. J. E. Dodge, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Eva, Mrs. Carl L. Ely, who died at Clayton, Michigan, in August, 1899.

Newton Homer Ward was about twelve years of age when his father came to Fayette. Already he had begun contributing to his own support by selling newspapers. While he attended the high school and the Fayette Normal University, he was dependent upon his own exertions for his living and his education. At the age of nineteen he began learning the cabinet maker's trade in the Barnes Furniture Factory at Adrian, Michigan, but subsequently returned to Fayette and worked as a cabinet maker and clerk in the furniture business of L. J. Pike. That relationship continued for several years and in 1904. Mr. Ward was taken in as an equal partner with Mr. Pike, and the business was profitably and harmoniously managed between them until the death of Mr. Pike in May, 1910, Mr. Ward soon afterward becoming sole proprietor. He is a licensed embalmer in Michigan and Ohio, and has served as registrar of deaths in the State of Michigan. He has a store completely stocked with all the lines of furniture demanded by the local trade, and also has a picture and picture framing department.

December 5, 1895, Mr. Ward married Eva McQuillin, who was born in Pike township of Fulton county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dunbar) McQuillin. Their only living child is Geneva,

at home. Carmon Albert was born March 15, 1902, and died February 5, 1919. The Ward family are Methodists. Mr. Ward is a democrats and has served two terms as senior warden of Gorham Lodge No. 387, Free and Accepted Masons, at Fayette, and is a member of Defiance Commandery No. 30, Knights Templar.

Frank E. Prickett for a long period of years was a successful building contractor in Fulton county and over the line in Michigan, but latterly has given his energies to the successful management of a general hardware business at Fayette. He is now sole proprietor of this business and has made his store one of the chief supply points for everything in the hardware line and draws a trade from a wide territory surrounding Fayette.

Mr. Prickett was born in Gorham township of Fulton county February 10, 1865, son of Samuel and Naomi (Mason) Prickett. Both the Mason and Prickett families originated in Burlington county, New Jersey, where their ancestors settled as early as 1685. For many generations both families were staunch Quakers in their religious faith. Samuel Prickett was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, while his wife was a native of Franklin township, Fulton county, where her parents, John and Charity (Borton) Mason, had settled from Burlington county, New Jersey, at an early date. The Mason family were among the earliest settlers in German township of Fulton county. Samuel Prickett and wife after their marriage located in Gorham township, where he died about 1894. His widow was born in 1840 and is now living in Wauseon. A brief record of their children is as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Charles A. Smith, of Morenci, Michigan; Ida, Mrs. C. Hochstetler, of Wauseon; Frank E.; Rhoda, deceased; Lillie, wife of George T. Curtiss, in Michigan, and Henry, of Fayette.

Up to the age of twenty-one Frank E. Prickett lived at home with his parents and attended the county schools. He also learned farming by practical experience, and acquired his skill as a carpenter at Adrian, Michigan, and Morenci. He worked three years as a journeyman and then began taking contracts for building, and many examples of his workmanship can still be pointed out in the vicinity of Morenci and in Fulton county. In 1903, with Charles Hause, Mr. Prickett bought a general hardware business from Edward Perry, at Fayette. They were in partnership five years, and Mr. Prickett since then has had several other partners, but in the spring of 1917 he took over the sole management of the store.

In October, 1890, he married Miss Clara Guilford, a native of Dover township, Fulton county, and daughter of George and Adeline (Fitzsimmons) Guilford, the former a native of New York and the latter of Fulton county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Prickett have two children: Dessa, a teacher of domestic science in the public schools at Adrian, Michigan, and Kenneth, attending a preparatory school at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mr. Prickett is a republican voter. In the Knights of the Maccabees at Fayette he held the positon of finance keeper twelve years, and is also a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge at Fayette, being a past grand senior warden and past junior warden.

George Washington Crout, who has been a resident of Fayette since 1878, is a practicing lawyer, land owner, and in former years had a great variety of business experience. He is an honored veteran of the Union army, and at one period of the war held the rank of major of an Ohio regiment.

Major Crout was born in Lorain county, Ohio, August 11, 1835, and comes of old and prominent American ancestry. His parents were Elihu Taylor and Merintha (Lewis) Crout, the former a native of Bergen, New Jersey, and the latter of Elizabethtown, Essex county, New York. The paternal grandparents were John and Phoebe (Van Sickles) Crout, the former a native of New York City. Major Crout's maternal grandmother was Mary (Durand) Lewis, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Franz Joseph Durand, who came from France and was a cousin to General Lafayette.

Elihu T. Crout and wife were married in Ontario, Wayne county, New York, where his father owned a fine estate. In 1831 he came west and entered a tract of wild timbered land in Lenawee county, Michigan. He was there at the very beginning of settlement. He also lived a few years in Lorain county, Ohio, and in 1837 moved back to Lenawee county, a few years later to Liberty township, Jackson county, Michigan, then to Adrian township in Lenawee county, where in addition to looking after his extensive land holdings he operated a grist mill. In spite of his advanced age Elihu T. Crout enlisted in the Sixty-seventh Ohio Infantry as a drum major at the beginning of the war, and his death occurred before he returned home.

George Washington Crout has spent nearly all his life in Fulton county Ohio, and Lenawee county, Michigan. His early environment was a pioneer county district. In the flush of young manhood, on November 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company A of the Sixty-seventh Ohio Infantry, which was also his father's regiment. After a brief training in a camp at Toledo he went to Camp Chase, Columbus, and was made drill master. He served in several battles, and while being transported across Chesapeake Bay was shipwrecked. After that he was consigned to a hospital at Washington, then returned to Baltimore and received an honorable discharge in the fall of 1863. Not long after his return home he helped organize a regiment of which Lawrence B. Smith was elected colonel; Louis Struble, lieutenant colonel, and Mr. Crout major.

Prior to the war and for some time afterward Major Crout was in the sawmill and lumber business and owned several farms both in Michigan and Ohio. He also filled the office of deputy sheriff of Fulton county sixteen years. His milling operations were centered chiefly in Ogden township of Lenawee county. He had also begun the study of law before he entered the army, and resumed that study later, and for half a century has been a capable attorney and is still practicing law at Fayette, where he has made his home for over forty years. Major Crout owns eighty acres of land in Texas and other property elsewhere. He served two terms as mayor of Fayette, and held various township offices in Lenawee county. He is a member of the Masonic order at Blissfield, Michigan, and is affiliated with the Methodist Church.

September 17, 1858, he married Mary Jane Scantland, who became the mother of his two children: George Eugene, of East Toledo, and Cora Sedel, Mrs. Bert Richardson, of Lenawee county. Major Crout married for his second wife Ursula Yeamans, a native of Pennsylvania. She had no children, and her death occurred in July, 1909. On March 15, 1910, Mr. Crout married Sarah Louise Jennings, who was born in Rowlin township of Lenawee county, Michigan, a daughter of Levi and Anna (Crout) Jennings, the former a native of Milton, Saratoga county, New York, and the latter of Bergin, New Jersey. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and

Meribah (Dexter) Jennings, the former born at Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1877. Her maternal grandparents were John and Phoebe (Van Sickles) Crout, so that she is closely connected with her husband's ancestry. Mrs. Crout at the time of her marriage to Mr. Crout was the widow of Joseph Marx. By that union she had two children, Berkeley, of Rochester, New York, and Fannie Litz, wife of Lorin J. Ball, of Rowlin township, Lenawee county, Michigan. Mrs. Crout lived on a farm in Michigan until the death of her first husband in 1876, and afterward performed the service of teacher and school superintendent in that vicinity for thirty-two years, and is held in high esteem and regard as one of the most capable educators the schools of that locality have ever had. Mrs. Crout's parents were married in New York in the fall of 1833, became pioneers in Lenawee county, Michigan, entering timber land direct from the Government. Much of that land is still in the Jennings family.

Frank Hicker has been an honored resident of Fayette through a long period of years. The natural gift which he has used and developed through his active life was largely mechanical. As a boy and later as a man he operated threshing outfits and was a dealer in agricultural implements. He also attended school of veterinary surgery, and for many years was the reliable veternarian for all the country around Fayette.

Mr. Hicker was born in Gorham township, Fulton county, March 26, 1851. His parents were Stephen and Mary A. (Acker) Hicker, natives of Seneca county, New York. His parental grandparents, Henry and Susan Hicker, came at an early day to Fulton county, as did also his maternal grandfather, George Acker. Stephen Hicker learned the shoemaker's trade, and was a diligent and expert workman for many years at Medina, Michigan. Later he moved to a farm in Gorham township of Fulton county, and spent his last years in Fayette. Frank was one of two children, his sister Melinda being Mrs. Vincent Reynolds of Gorham township.

Frank Hicker spent most of his boyhood on a farm, acquired a district school education, and at the age of seventeen began making a regular business throughout the season of operating a threshing outfit. He has owned several outfits of threshing machinery, and in that connection is probably as widely known among the grain farmers of Fulton township as any other individual. He was married when nineteen years of age, and as his father left the farm about that time and moved to Fayette the son remained on the old homestead and worked the farm eight years. He then bought a place of his own of sixty acres in Gorham township, cultivating and managing that property six years. When he rented his farm he moved to Fayette, and here for twenty years conducted a business as a dealer in the celebrated Champion line of agricultural implements. Mr. Hicker also drove the hearse for Judson Pike for nineteen years in succession. As a young man he had attended the Chicago Veterinary School, and his practice as a veterinarian in the vicinity of Fayette continued for a period of thirty-five years. In 1910 Mr. Hicker became interested in a garage in Fayette, and for several years was local agent for the Chevrolet car. He still employs his time doing all kinds of machine work and repairing and is one of the experts of the old school of mechanics.

Mr. Hicker is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias at Fayette, is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fel-

lows, and has held several chairs in both orders. He and his wife are members of the Rebekahs.

In February, 1870, he married Mary A. Ford, a native of Gorham township and daughter of Cyrus and Fannie (Ely) Ford, of Scotch parentage. They have two children, Edward and Lena. Edward, who lives at Fayette, is a promoter and conductor of theatrical shows, and for several years has managed the business of the Florence Players, a troupe of traveling entertainers widely known in many states. The daughter, Lena, is the wife of Clare Rosa, of Fayette, and has two children, Franklin and Max.

Charles E. Yost is proprietor of the only newspaper published at Fayette, and has been a hard working journalist of Fulton county nearly twenty years. He became well known in the county on account of his official work as a school man, and he was in the educational profession for a number of years before his capital and energies were attracted to the newspaper business.

Mr. Yost was born at Hebron, in Licking county, Ohio, in September, 1862, son of John and Delila (Markley) Yost, his father a native of Virginia and his mother of Perry county, Ohio. His grandparents, Peter and Margaret Yost, were Virginians. John Yost and wife lived in Licking county until 1873, moved from there to Hancock county, and in 1875 established their home at Van Wert, where both of them died.

Partly while at home and partly through his own efforts Charles E. Yost acquired a good education. He attended grammar and high schools at Middlepoint, Ohio, also the Fayette Normal, and for about twenty years was one of the successful teachers and school administrators in northern Ohio. At one time he was superintendent of schools at Waldron, Michigan, also at Liberty Center, Ohio, and was superintendent at Tedrow and at Lyons, being located three years in the latter place. Some of his vacations he utilized as an employe in a printing office at Fayette, and finally, in September, 1901, E. W. Balch started the Fayette Review. The next June he became sole owner, and has very ably conducted that paper ever since. On June 6, 1913, Mr. Yost was commissioned postmaster of Fayette, which is a third class office.

He is a democrat, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of the Maccabees at Fayette. In August, 1886, he married Miss Ada Purcell. Mrs. Yost was born near Purcellville, Virginia, a daughter of Lott A. and Cornelia (Bird) Purcell. They have one son, Gaylord Yost, who is married and resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lawrence L. Yeagley is a native of Hancock county, has been in business in several other Ohio counties and elsewhere, and is now a successful commission merchant at Fayette, handling a large part of the poultry and other general produce marketed from Fulton county.

Mr. Yeagley was born October 7, 1876, son of John P. and Savilla (Miller) Yeagley. His parents were also natives of Hancock county and are now deceased. Lawrence L. Yeagley acquired a good education, graduating from the high school of Rawson in his native county, and from the Ohio Northern University at Ada. For one year he had a business training as clerk in a mercantile store at Rawson, and from 1894 until 1896 was employed at Grover Hill, in Paulding county, after which he secured an interest in a general

merchandise enterprise there. He continued in that way some ten years, and in 1905 he and Mr. N. V. Turner organized the United States Cooperage and Handle Company, with a plant at Malden, Missouri. He was secretary and treasurer of the company and they did a large business in manufacturing cooperage wares and implement handles. Mr. Yeagley continued as secretary and treasurer of the business some five years. Finally, on account of his wife's health he returned to Ohio, and at Grover Hill was in the merchandise business nine months. He sold out, and on November 1, 1911, came to Fayette, where he bought an established business for handling poultry, produce and other products, and has since extended the scope of his enterprise, having established a branch at Metamora in the spring of 1917.

Mr. Yeagley is a public spirited citizen, well known fraternally, is a member of the Fulton County Executive Committee of the republican party, has been a member of the Fayette School Board since 1917, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic Lodge at Fayette, the Royal Arch Chapter and Council at Lyons, and the Defiance Commandery of the Knights Templar.

In June, 1897, he married Miss Della Scott, a native of Indiana, and daughter of Henry and Harriet Scott, of West Union, Ohio. Two children were born to their marriage: Mildred, who died at the age of four years, and Paul, born April 20, 1906.

George Grantham Wright. This is one of the names held in grateful memory in Fulton county, because of the long residence of Mr. Wright, the industrious part he took in earlier and later days as a farmer, and the honesty and good will that distinguished all his relations with the community.

He was born at Kirkby, England, April 30, 1831, a son of Edward and Catherine (Grantham) Wright. His parents lived all their lives in England. George Grantham Wright was reared and trained to agricultural pursuits, followed farming in England, and on July 7, 1858, married Ann Parr. Mrs. Wright was born at Osgodby July 7, 1834, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Parr. Her mother died in England in 1845 and her father married for his second wife Mary Ann Rushton and later came to America and lived out his years at Manchester, Michigan, where he and his wife are buried.

In 1858 George G. Wright came to America, and in Fulton county bought sixty acres in Amboy township. A large part of the land was coveerd with woods and for a number of years he made a determined fight against the powers of the wilderness, until he saw his farm under cultivation and with excellent improvements. That old homestead where he settled more than sixty years ago was the place where death came to him on March 19, 1912, and Mrs. Wright still occupies the farm. She is now eighty-six years of age, and still in good health and retains her faculties. The late Mr. Wright was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as steward, superintendent of the Sunday School and was most regular in the performance of his church duties. He also served as a school director and politically voted as a republican.

The oldest of the children is Edward G., of Amboy township, William lives in Lucas county, Ohio, Catherine E. died in infancy, James is a resident of Toledo, Clara Alsena is Mrs. John Hurtle of Amboy township, Brainard lives at Prairie Depot, Ohio, and Ralph is a resident of Cincinnati.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE G. WRIGHT

The youngest of the family is Arthur Clinton, who lives with his mother and manages the home farm. In December, 1900, he married Edna Ford, who was born in Lucas county, Ohio, June 17, 1876. Her parents were Wallace and Eliza (Willson) Ford, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Fulton county, Ohio. Arthur C. Wright and wife have seven children: Dorothy, George Stanley, Paul Willson, Harold Arthur, Marian Eliza, Freda Frances, and Rachel Lucile.

Millard Lewis, now living at Fayette, has had an active association with the business interests of that town for over a third of a century. The work for which he is best remembered was his long service as local express agent, though he was also interested in the newspaper business, local manufacturing and in other lines, and the net results of his life make up a very satisfactory record.

Mr. Lewis was born in Gorham township of Fulton county November 24, 1854. His parents, George and Mary (Davis) Lewis, were early settlers in Fulton county during the decade of the forties. His father was born at Boston, Massachusetts, and his mother in Seneca county, New York. George Lewis for many years was a farmer in Gorham township, and died March 30, 1891, at the age of seventy-four, being survived by his widow until May 27, 1915, when she was eighty-seven years of age. Millard is the oldest of their children. The daughters, Clara and Ida, still live on the old homestead farm. Another daughter is Jennie, and the other son, William D., is also on the homestead.

Millard Lewis acquired a common school education and at the age of twenty began learning the printer's trade from L. D. Lyon, then publisher of the local newspaper at Fayette. After working at his trade for a time Mr. Lewis bought an interest in the Fayette Record, and was associated with G. W. Griffin in that journalistic enterprise for about nineteen years. In the meantime he had become local express agent, and this work was performed by him in Fayette for over thirty years, during which time he successively represented the American, United States and Wells-Fargo Companies. Besides his association with Mr. Griffin in the newspaper business they were also partners in an excelsior factory and in a collection agency, and for a few years did some fire insurance business. Mr. Lewis since 1915, when he gave up his post as express agent, has been practically retired from business.

During his early career he was elected and served two terms as justice of the peace, but resigned that office on account of the press of business duties. Later he served two terms as a member of the Fayette Council. Mr. Lewis is a republican.

December 13, 1882, he married Miss Mary Saunders, who was born in Mill Creek township of Williams county, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Rhodes) Saunders. Her father was a native of England and her mother of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have two sons, Floyd E. and Earl D. Floyd lives at Hillsdale, Michigan, where he is division freight agent of the New York Central Railway. He married Bessie Cole. Earl is a jeweler and engraver at Jackson, Michigan, and married Clela Funk.

Herbert Partridge, present mayor of Fayette, through his trade and business relations as a cheese maker and dairy expert, has been an important factor in the dairy districts of northern Ohio for many years. Mr. Partridge now conducts a plant at Fayette, where a large part of the milk produced in that vicinity is sent to market.

He was born in Fairfield township of Lenawee county, Michigan, October 12, 1870, son of John W. and Marian (Ratan) Partridge. His parents were natives of New York state and his grandfathers, Ira Partridge and John H. Ratan, were among the early settlers of southern Michigan. John W. Partridge and wife after their marriage lived an a farm in Lenawee county. John Partridge enlisted in the Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery in 1862, and served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. For nearly half a century after the war he was engaged in farming, and he died in December, 1911. The widowed mother is still living at Weston, Michigan. There were three sons: A. L., of Jasper, Michigan; Herbert, and Herver, twins, the latter a resident of Oak Shade, Ohio.

Herbert Partridge acquired his early education in the common schools of Michigan, was married before he was twenty years of age, and then lived on a farm in Lenawee county two years. He learned cheese making at Winemeg, Pike township, of Fulton county, working one year for W. L. Campbell there. After that he was employed for four years in a cheese factory at Tedrow in Dover township, put in another three years at the cheese factory in Oak Grove, Pike township, and for eight years was the expert cheese maker for Brown Brothers in Amboy township. For another eight years Mr. Partridge was owner and manager of a factory in Gorham township, and from there he moved to Fayette and bought the local creamery. For several years he continued to make cheese and butter, but in August, 1918, discontinued the cheese industry and is now using his facilities for the buying and collecting of milk from the surrounding districts and shipping it to the Van Camp Packing Company at Wauseon. He handles between a thousand and two thousand gallons every day.

Mr. Partridge was elected mayor of Fayette in November, 1919, beginning his office at the first of the following year. He is a republican and for eight years served as a member of the council of Fayette. He is a member of the Baptist Church of western Michigan, and has been through the chairs of the Knights of Pythias at Fayette.

On June 8, 1890, Mr. Partridge married Zurah Miley, a native of Clinton township, Fulton county, and daughter of W. B. and Eliza Jane (Robinett) Miley. They have one son, Ross Byron, who was born March 1, 1892, and is now preparing for his profession in the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery.

Artie G. Aungst. As one of the successful business men of Fayette, Mr. Aungst for several years has been the responsible manager of the local grain elevator, and besides buying and handling a large volume of the grain produced in that locality, is a dealer and distributor of coal, cement, flour and feed.

Mr. Aungst was born in Richland county, Ohio, February 25, 1876, son of John and Elizabeth (Green) Aungst. His parents were natives of Richland county, and his father died about 1896 and his mother in 1898. John Aungst for many years combined farming with the threshing business. There was a large family of children: S. J., of Hudson, Ohio; Quinnie, deceased; Sylvia, Mrs. Charles Brown, of Mansfield, Ohio; Verna, Mrs. Clem Lemley, of Richland county; Jessie, Mrs. Taylor Simmons, of Knox county; Artie and Alphina, twins, the latter a resident of Butler, Ohio; Wilbur, also of Butler, and Cecil, who died when about five years old.

Artie G. Aungst was a farmer before he was a business man. He

spent his early years on a farm, was disciplined in its work, and secured his education largely by attending district schools in the winter. At the age of eighteen he was working in a sawmill, while in the summer he followed a threshing outfit from farm to farm. Those occupations kept him busy for about twelve years. Then with two brothers he bought a hardware store at Butler, Ohio, but a year later sold out and came to Fayette. He engaged in the grain elevator business with his oldest brother, but three months later this brother moved to Lebanon, where the Aungst brothers conduct a mill and elevator. Artis G. Aungst has therefore had the active management of the business at Fayette practically from the beginning, and by his fair dealing, well known integrity and close attention to his work has developed a very substantial enterprise.

January 26, 1901, he married Miss Alta Harrison, a native of Knox county, Ohio, where her parents, James and Dora (McGowen) Harrison, were also born. Mr. and Mrs. Aungst have two children, Harley and Cecil, both at home. Mr. Aungst is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has served one term as councilman at Fayette, is a democrat and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Butler.

William Dorsey Van Rensselaer, who represents some of the original Holland Dutch stock of New York State, has been an active business man at Wauseon for over thirty years, and is senior partner of Edgar & Van Rensselaer, undertakers, embalmers and funeral directors.

Mr. Van Rensselaer was born at Port Clinton, Ohio, in September, 1851, a son of Peter Sanders and Jane (Depew) Van Rensselaer. His grandfather, Philip Van Rensselaer, was a practicing physician in New York City for many years. Peter S. Van Rensselaer was the second of three sons, was born in Schenectady, New York, moved to Albany, and for many years followed the life of a sailor on the Great Lakes. He located in the famous summer resort region of northern Ohio on Lake Erie, at Put-in-Bay Island and Bass Island. In addition to sailing on the Great Lakes during summer, he cleared and developed a good farm. He reared his family there and died December 23, 1903.

William D. Van Rensselaer acquired a country school education. He, too, sailed on the Great Lakes. In 1886 he engaged in the furniture business at Wauseon, and for twenty years his store, handling a class of goods high class in every respect, was located in the Opera House Building. He then moved to his present location at 145 South Fulton street, and now gives all his time to the undertaking business.

In 1880 he married Miss Clara Ransom, daughter of Hiram and Jane (Parks) Ransom, of Port Clinton, Ohio. To their marriage were born two children: Hiram Sanders, born in 1883, now married and living in Detroit, and Hazel Pearl, who died in Wauseon in September, 1903, at the age of twenty. Mr. Van Rensselaer is a republican, and was three times elected a member of the City Council. He is affiliated with the Masons, Knights of Pythias, National Union and the Eastern Star at Wauseon.

Michael R. Hill, who for many years has had business connection with Wauseon people as a plumbing and heating contractor, has had an interesting career. He is a veteran of the Civil war, was wounded, and fell into the hands of the Con-

federate forces, remaining a prisoner until March, 1865. He was a brick and tile maker for about twenty years, was a well drilling contractor for some time, was in the Government civil service for about six years, and latterly has been in the plumbing and steamfitting business in Wauseon, for a while in association with his son, Earl H. Hill. Throughout his life he has been a responsible citizen, and one who gave his best efforts to his country in the years of national stress.

He was born at the family homestead in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1847, the son of Henry and Margaret B. (Fansler) Hill. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and his father was one of the early farmers in that section of Ohio. His father died when his son was only six years old, and the family was in straightened circumstances. Even as a boy he was compelled to rely upon his own efforts, mainly, for his sustenance. It was his custom to take employment of farming character during the summer months and attend school during the winter terms. In that way he managed to keep himself from overburdening his mother, and at the same time secure an elementary school course. He attended country schools in Wyandotte and Crawford counties, and was still scarcely in his teens when the Civil war began. When he was sixteen years old he enlisted in the Union forces, becoming, in February, 1864, a member of the Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, joining that unit at Mansfield, Ohio. As part of the Western Army, under General George H. Thomas, the regiment participated in the Atlantic campaign of 1864, young Hill being wounded and captured during the fighting in Georgia. He was taken prisoner at Dallas, Georgia, and incarcerated in Andersonville Prison, where he remained until December, 1864, when he was sent with other prisoners to Milan Prison at Atlanta, Georgia, later being transferred to the Florence, South Carolina, Prison, where he remained a prisoner until March 1, 1865, when order came for his release. He was turned over to the United States Government forces at Wilmington, North Carolina. After a thirty-day furlough Mr. Hill was sent to Texas to serve with the Fourth Army Corps, then doing patrol duty on the Mexican border. There he remained until December, 1865, when he was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas. Returning home, to Shelby, Ohio, he took up farming operations again, and steadily followed such work until he was twenty-eight years old, when he engaged in brick and tile making at Wauseon. For twenty years he followed that occupation in Wauseon, Toledo and other places. In 1895 he was in business for himself in Fulton county, Ohio, as a well-drilling contractor. Later he secured appointment as mail carrier, under the administration of Postmaster Harrison. He was in the Federal service in that capacity for more than six years, poor health then compelling him to cease such work. He then became associated in business with his son, Earl H., who was at that time in good business in Wauseon as a plumbing and heating contractor. The father acted as manager, and when the son gave up the active part in the business in order that he might take the appointment offered him, that of superintendent of the Wauseon plant of the Van Camp Packing Company, which responsibility Earl H. Hill still has, the father took over the whole control of the plumbing and heating business, and has since conducted it, much to his advantage, having a good city and country trade. This brings Mr. Hill's life story up to the present and records a worth-while life, one of steady industry and of courageous national service. He has many life-long friends in the Grand Army of the Republic circles,

being an honored member of Lozier Post. In politics he has been staunchly a republican since his early voting years. He married Mary A., daughter of Christian Barth, and they had four children, only one of whom is still living, their son Earl H., who has been previously mentioned herein.

JACOB FRANK HAAS. There is no nobler occupation than that connected with the development of a farm and production of foodstuffs. Hitherto the farmers have not been fully appreciated, but now, with the world depending upon them for existence, they are accorded the credit that has always been theirs and the respect and consideration to which they are certainly entitled. One of these farmers of the younger generation, who has been wise enough to remain on the farm and enjoy its independent life, is Jacob Frank Haas, of Clinton township, operator of his father's farm of eighty acres of valuable land.

Jacob Frank Haas was born in German township, Fulton county, in 1894, a son of Conrad and Katherine (Steinbrecher) Haas. When he was twenty-four years old Conrad Haas came to the United States from Russia and located in German township, Fulton county, but he is now retired. He and his wife have five children, of whom Jacob Frank Haas is the second in order of birth.

The boyhood of Jacob F. Haas was spent, as is the custom among the youths of Fulton county, in the rural districts, in attending the country schools in the winters and in working on the farm in the summers. After reaching his majority he began working his father's farm, but his operations were interrupted by his period of service in the United States army during the late war. He was called into the service under the Selective Draft on July 23, 1918, and was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, until on August 16, 1918, when he was transferred to Camp Stewart, Newport News, Virginia, and became a member of the Fifteenth Replacement Troops. On August 21st of that same year he was sent overseas to France, arriving at Brest, France, on September 3, 1918, and from there was taken to a rest camp. On September 10th he was taken to Camp Hunt, near Bordeaux, and then on October 9th, was assigned to Company L, Three Hundred and Thirteenth Infantry, Seventy-ninth Division. This company went into action at Verdun. As a part of this command Mr. Haas was in the offensive of the Argonne Forest and the succeeding campaigns of his regiment until the signing of the Armistice put an end to these hostilities. During the campaign of the Argonne Forest Mr. Haas was one of those holding the front line in reserve, and in spite of his exposed location was not injured. He left Saint Nazaire, France, for the United States on May 18, 1919, and landed in Newport News, Virginia, on May 29th, whence he was sent to Camp Stewart, where he was kept until June 2d. On that date he was sent to Camp Hill, Virginia, and kept until June 8th. He was honorably discharged from Camp Sherman, Ohio, on June 12, 1919, and returned to the farm.

Mr. Haas was married to Ola May Hicks, a daughter of Harry and Fannie (Porter) Hicks, of Dover township, the ceremony taking place on January 3, 1918. Mr. Haas is a republican. The Lutheran Church holds his membership. Although yet a very young man, Mr. Haas has had experiences of life which make him appreciate the good government, fine living conditions and freedom of the people of his own land, especially in the rural districts, and having seen other lands and their people, he is very well content to be an American and proud of his country and his calling.

Earl H. Hill. Possessing to a marked degree industry, financial sense and business capacity, a group of able men have developed so important and necessary an industry that the whole nation has become interested, and the genius of these men is still exerted in securing the services of first-class men to hold their various positions. Possibly no canning industry in the world is better known than that operated under the name of Van Camp's, and the manager of the Wauseon branch of this great concern, and superintendent of the machinery of its six plants, is Earl H. Hill, of this city.

Earl H. Hill was born at Napoleon, Ohio, on August 26, 1877, a son of Michael R. and Mary (Barth) Hill. He comes of Scotch-Irish stock, but the family on both sides of the house has been located in America for many years.

The boyhood of Earl H. Hill was spent in his native place, and he attended its schools, completing the high school course. Entering upon his business career, Mr. Hill engaged with Thomas Cecil to learn the plumbing and steam fitting trades, and remained with him for five years, and then left Wauseon for Coldwater, Michigan, and spent a year there. Returning to Wauseon, he opened a shop of his own and conducted it until February, 1919, gaining a reputation for efficiency that was not confined to local territory, and which brought him to the attention of the Van Camp people, and he is now manager of the Wauseon plant with ninety persons under his supervision, and has charge of the valuable machinery in the plants at two points in Wisconsin, two in Ohio, one in Michigan and one in Illinois, and few men connected with this great enterprise are held in higher regard for their abilities than he.

Mr. Hill was married in 1902 to Grace Isabel Cooper, a daughter of Henry and Jane (Shufelt) Cooper, of Waterville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have no children. While he votes the straight republican ticket, Mr. Hill has not had the time to go into politics very thoroughly and so has never come before the public for consideration as a candidate for office, but judging by his personal following if he cared to do so he would poll a good vote. Aside from belonging to the Knights of Pythias, Mr. Hill has not formed fraternal affiliations, his spare time being spent in his home. The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wauseon holds his membership, and he and Mrs. Hill take an active part in its good work. Enterprising and capable, Mr. Hill has gone right ahead doing what he felt was his duty, shirking no added responsibility, and his present success has been honorably gained and is most certainly deserved. It would be difficult to find a man more highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen than he, and he is deeply interested in the progress of Wauseon, where practically all of his business life has been spent, and where his present congenial occupation keeps him in close touch with industrial affairs.

George E. Gorsuch, clerk of the courts at Wauseon, is one of the very representative men of Fulton county, and a man known over this section of the state as one in whom the people place the most implicit confidence. Although in the very prime of young manhood, he has already attained to considerable success, and, judging his future by his past, will doubtless go far before his race is run.

George E. Gorsuch was born at Waverly, Kansas, on September 8, 1882, a son of Thomas E. and Mary C. (Kahoe) Gorsuch, of Pennsylvania Dutch and Irish stock, and inheriting the solid traits of the

one people and the brilliancy of the other, a combination which has worked out for good results in the case of Mr. Gorsuch.

When he was five years old his parents came to Wauseon from Kansas, and he was reared in Fulton county, acquiring a public school education here, which included the high school course, from which he was graduated in 1902. Mr. Gorsuch then entered the employ of Nicholas Freppel, a baker, and remained with him for three years, learning the trade, but, not caring to pursue it, he began writing fire insurance, representing fourteen reliable companies handling city and farm risks for five years, with his office at Wauseon, and being so successful that he was able at the expiration of that period to establish himself in a bakery of his own, and conducted it for seven years.

Always a staunch republican, he was the successful nominee of his party for the office of Clinton Township clerk on several occasions, and held it from 1906 to 1912, inclusively. His record in this office was of such a nature as to redound to his credit, and he was the logical candidate of his party for the office of clerk of the courts in November, 1918, and was elected by a gratifying majority. Having disposed of his bakery at a good price, he now gives all of his attention to the duties of his office.

In 1906 Mr. Garsuch was united in marriage with Nellie Bennett, a daughter of Abraham S. and Abigail (Hebble) Bennett, of Pettisville. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch adopted a child, Berdello M., who was born in 1898, and died in 1918. They also became the parents of two children: Arthur Bennett, who was born in 1907, and Howard E., who died in 1909, aged six months. Mr. Gorsuch is a Mason, belonging to Wauseon Lodge No. 349, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. For some years he has been a consistent member of the Christian Church, to which he is a generous contributor. Public-spirited to a marked degree, Mr. Gorsuch is accounted one of the men of dependability in the city and county, and his popularity with all classes is unquestioned.

Thaddeus O. Lindley. In such men as Thaddeus O. Lindley, a successful farmer of Clinton Township, Fulton county, there is peculiar satisfaction in offering their life histories—justification for the compilation of works of this character—not that their lives have been such as to gain them particularly wide notoriety or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to every obligation and have shown such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all who know them.

Thaddeus O. Lindley, whose splendid farm of 120 acres lies in Clinton Township, was born near Ridgeville, in the neighboring County of Henry, in 1866, and is the son of Josiah B. and Nancy (Durkee) Lindley. Through both lines of progenitors the subject inherits good old Scotch blood, his great-grandfather Durkee and two brothers having immigrated from Scotland to this country, settling in Vermont, where they became successful farmers. Thaddeus O. Lindley received his education in the common schools of Freedom Township, Henry county, which he attended until sixteen years of age. He was reared to the life of a farmer and remained with his father until twenty years of age, when, in 1886, at the time of his marriage, he bought land and went to farming on his own account. Since that time Mr. Lindley has owned and lived on many farms, his practice having been to buy a farm, improve it and then sell it. In this plan of operations he has been uniformly successful and has thus handled a good many acres of Fulton county

farm land. At the present time he is the owner of 120 acres of land in Clinton township, comprising one of the best farms in that section of the county. He has exercised sound judgment in his work and has maintained his land in good condition, the general appearance of the place being attractive to the passer-by.

In 1886 Mr. Lindley was married to Cora J. Robinson, the daughter of Lorenzo and Cordelia (Bates) Robinson, and to their union have been born six children, three sons and three daughters, of which number one son died at the age of eight years.

Politically Mr. Lindley is an earnest supporter of the republican party, though he does not take an active part in public affairs. However, he is intelligently interested in the welfare of the community in which he lives and consistently supports every worthy movement for the material, civic or moral advancement of the locality. Because of his earnest qualities of character and his business success, he is numbered among the representative citizens of his community and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

ALBERT ZIMMERMAN. If it were not for the capability and energy of the agricultural class the whole world would go hungry, especially now when foreign countries are clamoring for American foodstuffs. It is the farmers who are feeding the world, and all honor should be given the men who are willing to work as they have to in order to get even a fair profit upon their investment of money and time. One of the men who is conducting his fertile eighty-acre farm in Clinton township both profitably and according to modern methods is Albert Zimmerman.

Albert Zimmerman was born in German township, Fulton county, in 1865, a son of Jacob and Anna (Miller) Zimmerman, farming people. Until he attained his majority Albert Zimmerman alternated attendance at the country schools during the winter with working on his father's farm in the summer, and in this way acquired a practical knowledge of what was to be his life work while he was gaining an educational training.

In 1889 Mr. Zimmerman was united in marriage with Anna S. Leu, a daughter of George and Salome (Wanner) Leu of Franklin township, Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have two children, namely: Minnie, who is now Mrs. E. W. Sturdevant, of Toledo, Ohio and George A., who is also a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

Following his marriage Mr. Zimmerman rented eighty acres of land and conducted it until 1913, working very hard to accumulate a sufficient amount of money to buy a farm of his own, which he did in that year, it being his present one. Since moving on it he has been engaged in doing general farming and making improvements, and now has a comfortable home. His neat buildings, well-kept fences, sleek stock and modern machinery proclaim his prosperity and skill louder than any words. This has not been brought about without a great deal of hard labor and many sacrifices, but he feels that the results are worth the exertion.

Being a very intelligent man, Mr. Zimmerman has always felt that he ought to choose his own candidates and not be hidebound with reference to their party affiliations. The man, in his opinion, is the essential qualification, not his party, and he votes accordingly. Having worked hard for his money, and thriftily saved it, Mr. Zimmerman is not in favor of a lavish and extravagant expenditure of public funds, although he does believe in proper development and improvement brought about without undue strain. Sound, con-

servative and reliable, Mr. Zimmerman stands as one of the best types of the successful agriculturists of Fulton county, and his community is proud of him.

HEIRO ALAKAI FAUVER. A man who boldly faces the responsibilities of life and by determined and untiring energy carves out for himself an honorable success exerts a strong influence upon the lives of those who come into contact with him. Such men form the foundation of our republican institutions and are the pride of our civilization. To them life is so real that they find no time for either vice or idleness. Their lives are bound up in their duties and they feel the weight of their citizenship. Such has been the career of the gentleman whose name forms the caption to this paragraph, one of the best known men in local agricultural circles and, owing to his genial disposition and openheartedness, one of the most popular.

Heiro A. Fauver, who owns and operates a fine farm of eighty-one acres in Clinton Township, was born in Lorain county, Ohio, in 1845, and is the son of Walter and Alzina (Cornell) Fauver through whom he inherited sterling old German and French blood. The parents were farming folk in Lorain county, in connection with which they also raised stock, and they were numbered among the successful and respected residents of that county. The subject was reared under the parental roof and secured his educational training in the common schools of Lorain county, then entering Berea Academy at the age of fifteen years and remaining there 1½ years. At the age of eighteen years he began his independent career, gaining employment as a farm hand in the neighborhood of his home. He was so employed for about a year and a half, when he moved to Henry county, where he remained for three years, at the end of that time returning home and working for his father for a time. He then went to Defiance county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming on a tract of about two thousand acres, which engaged his attention for about 2½ years. His next move was to Ridgeville, Henry county, Ohio, where he bought a small farm of forty acres, to the operation of which he devoted his attention until 1904, when he removed to his present fine farm of eighty-one acres in Clinton Township. Here he carries on general farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and has so ordered his affairs that he has been splendidly successful in his operations. The place is well improved with substantial and attractive buildings, the general appearance of the farm indicating the owner to be a man of excellent judgment and sound discrimination.

Mr. Fauver has been married twice, first to Mary Dowd, of Henry county, Ohio, in 1865. She died on April 5, 1868, without issue, and in 1872 he was married to Jennie Beckham, the daughter of William and Hannah Beckham, also of Henry county. To this union have been born four children, three of whom are living.

Politically Mr. Fauver gives his support to the republican party, and has given intelligent attention to local public affairs. He has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to several of the township offices and discharged his official duties to the entire satisfaction of the community. He has been specially interested in educational affairs and has consistently given his support to every movement looking to the material, educational and moral advancement of the community in which he lives. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he gives liberal support. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and by close application

he has established those habits of industry and frugality which have insured his success in later years. Because of his success and his fine personal qualities he enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

DANIEL CLINGAMAN. That the plentitude of satiety is seldom attained in the affairs of life is to be considered a most beneficial deprivation, for where ambition is satisfied and every ultimate end realized, apathy must follow, effort would cease and creative talent waste its energies in inactivity. The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transition stage an incentive for further effort. Daniel Clingaman, who carries on general farming operations in Clinton township, Fulton county, is one whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of desired prominence in the community, and his energy and enterprise have been crowned with success. Thus, having ever had the interests of his county at heart and seeking to promote them in every way possible, he has well earned a place along with his enterprising fellow citizens in the permanent history of his county.

Daniel Clingaman is a native son of the old Buckeye State, having been born in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1846, and is the son of William and Rebecca (Kleckner) Clingaman, who were of sterling old German stock, though the families had been represented in America for many generations and had been conspicuous for their industry, integrity and loyalty. They had mostly followed the vocations of farming and mechanics. Daniel Clingaman accompanied his parents on their removal to Fulton county when he was about six years of age, and in the country schools of this county he received his educational training, attending the winter terms of schools until his seventeenth year. In March, 1865, when his country was bending its final effort to crush the great southern rebellion, he enlisted as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he took part in the final campaigns in Virginia, seeing some very active and strenuous service. He was honorably discharged on December 18, 1865, and, returning home, was employed at farm work on the farms of the neighborhood of his home, being so employed for about three years in Clinton Township. He then located in Tedrow and engaged in the blacksmith business, in which he was successful and which engaged his attention for about seventeen years. At the end of that time he sold his shop and bought 120 acres of land in Clinton Township, comprising his present location, though he has since sold forty acres of his original holdings and then bought fifteen acres, his present farm comprising ninety-five acres of as fine land as can be found in the locality. Here he conducts general farming and, through the exercise of sound common sense and excellent discrimination, he has been successful to a gratifying degree, being now numbered among the prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of Clinton Township.

In 1874 Mr. Clingaman was married to Louisa Minnick, the daughter of Peter and Catherine (Downs) Minnick, of Franklin Township, this county. To this union have been born two children, namely: Peter, born in 1876, and now living in Wauseon, is married and the father of five children; Jessie Lodema is the wife of C. B. Fauver, who gives his active personal attention to the subject's farm, and they are the parents of one child.

Politically Mr. Clingaman gives his earnest support to the demo-

cratic ticket and takes a commendable interest in everything affecting the general welfare of the community in which he lives. Fraternally he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his religious membership is with the Christian Church, to which he gives liberal support. His has been a life of honor and integrity, he being a consistent man in all he has ever undertaken, and his career in all the relations of life has been utterly without pretense. He is held in the highest esteem by all who know him, and the community in which he lives can boast of no better man or more enterprising citizen.

TIMOTHY FRANKLIN ESTEP. The most elaborate history is perforce a merciless abridgment, the historian being obliged to select his facts and materials from manifold details and to marshal them in logical and concise order. This applies to specific as well as generic history, and in the former category is included the interesting and important department of biography. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of interesting situations and incidents, and yet in summing up such a career as that of Mr. Estep the writer must needs touch only on the more salient facts, giving the keynote of his character and eliminating all that is superfluous to the continuity of the narrative. The gentleman whose name appears above has led an active and useful life, not entirely void of the exciting, but the more prominent events have been so identified with the useful and practical that it is to them almost entirely that the writer refers in the following paragraphs.

Timothy F. Estep, whose fine poultry and fruit farm near Wauseon enjoys a widespread reputation, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1862, during the first period of the great Civil war, which had one of its most spectacular settings in that historic valley. He is the son of William and Hannah (Biller) Estep, who were descendants of good old German and Dutch stock respectively, and who were highly respected and successful farming folk in the Old Dominion. The subject was reared under the parental roof and secured his education in the winter terms of school in his home neighborhood, his summers being devoted to work on the home farm. When he was fifteen years old the family moved to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where they located on a farm, to which the subject gave his efforts, and he also received another winter's schooling. He remained there until 1908, when he was married, and immediately thereafter he moved to Fulton county, Ohio, where he bought eighty acres of land, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for two years. His next home was at Oak Shade, Ohio, where he bought a farm of 102 acres, but at the end of three years he sold that place and bought sixty acres in 1914, near Wauseon, where he lived until after the death of his first wife, when he sold off everything and moved into Wauseon, where he and his children established their home. In 1915 he bought fifty-two acres of land near Wauseon, on which he lived during the summer, when he again sold out. His next purchase was eighty acres of land near Delta, which he did not occupy, however, renting it out. Soon afterwards he bought his present home of eight acres near Wauseon, which he devoted to poultry and fruit raising and in which lines he has met with very gratifying success. The place is well improved in every respect and here Mr. Estep has one of the best flocks of poultry in this locality. He makes a specialty of white leghorn fowls, of which he owns about five hundred, many of them being of the best strains obtainable, and from which he has

derived a very comfortable income. Mr. Estep is also the owner of other landed interests in this county and is numbered among the successful and enterprising citizens of the community. He also engages quite extensively in the buying and shipping of poultry, which he has built up to a considerable business.

Mr. Estep has been married twice, first, in 1908, to Sylvia Steward, the daughter of Matthew and Alice (Mitchell) Steward, of Henry county, Ohio. She was a well educated and cultured woman, who had successfully taught school at Alva, Oklahoma, prior to her marriage to Mr. Estep. To this union were born two children, Paul Steward, born in 1909, and Matthew Carl, born in 1913. The mother of these children died in 1914, and in 1916 Mr. Estep was married to Minnie Whitmer, of Fulton county.

Politically Mr. Estep is a stanch supporter of the republican party, and has taken an active part in local public affairs, having served on the township committee in 1904. In religion he subscribes to the creed of the Baptist Church, of which he is a member and liberal supporter. Such in brief is the record of Mr. Estep, than whom a more whole-souled or popular man it would be difficult to find in his community, where he has labored not only for his individual advancement, but also for the improvement of the entire community whose interests he has ever had at heart.

Frank R. Whitesell. Years of operation as an agriculturist have made Frank W. Whitesell one of the expert farmers of Clinton Township, and the properties he has owned and conducted in Fulton county were all improved by his appliance to their operation the modern methods he is still using. He is a practical farmer and understands his work thoroughly, and so successful has he been that his advice is sought and taken by many of his neighbors.

Frank R. Whitesell was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, in 1862, a son of Samuel and Mary (Willgus) Whitesell, of English stock. The founder of the family in the American colonies was the paternal great-great-grandfather of Frank R. Whitesell, who came to this country from England. In 1865 Samuel Whitesell brought his family to Williams county, Ohio, and after a year to Fulton county, where he secured a farm in Clinton Township, now the property of his son, Frank R. Whitesell.

Being but a little child when brought to Fulton county, Frank R. Whitesell has practically spent his life here, and his educational training was secured in its rural schools. Under his father's careful supervision he was taught the fundamentals of farming, and when he was twenty-one years old his father permitted him to assume management of the homestead, and he continued to do so until 1884, when he bought sixty acres of land in York Township, and remained on it, making all necessary improvements and developing it into a fine farm, which he sold at a fair profit in 1917, and he then bought the old homestead of fifty acres in Clinton Township, which is his present farm and place of residence, and here he is engaged in raising a general diversified line of crops.

In 1884 Mr. Whitesell was united in marriage with Elizabeth Eck, a daughter of Leon Eck of Wauseon. Mr. and Mrs. Whitesell have one child, Mabel, who is now Mrs. F. K. Gilson, of Wauseon. In his fraternal connection Mr. Whitesell maintains membership with the Knights of Pythias. Having earned all that he now owns, Mr. Whitesell has every reason to be satisfied with the results of his years of hard work, and all the more so inasmuch as he has also been

able to win and hold the respect of his associates. Having spent so many years in Fulton county, he is naturally interested in its progress and may be depended upon to render an efficient and generous support to those measures tending to advance it.

WESLEY A. BLAKE. The farming interests of Fulton county are of such importance as to form a very considerable portion of the wealth of that part of the state. These properties, with their modern buildings, fine stock, well-kept fences and improved machinery, are considerably different from the farms in the early days of the county, and yet this magnificent state has been brought about through the energy, industry and efficiency of the men who have taken pride in putting their land under cultivation and placing upon it all the work of which they were capable. Wesley A. Blake of Clinton Township owns eighty acres of splendid farming land, and is satisfied with the results of the years he has put in on it.

Wesley A. Blake was born in Chatham, Medina county, Ohio, on December 28, 1840, and comes of New England stock, his family having lived at Litchfield, Connecticut, for generations. He is a son of Orrin and Caroline Blake. After attending the public schools and a select school at Chatham Mr. Blake at the age of seventeen years came to Fulton county and for a time was occupied learning the harness trade, at which he worked in Wauseon for six years, and then in 1863 bought 100 acres of land in Clinton Township and since then has devoted himself to farming.

In 1863 Mr. Blake was married to Anna Newcomer, the first white child born in the Village of Wauseon, and they became the parents of the following children: George W., who resides in Anderson, Indiana; Charles A., who is at home; Mary C., who is the wife of Rev. D. H. Helms of Lima, Ohio; and Bertha, who is the wife of J. C. Hodges, and lives at Anderson, Indiana.

Mr. Blake is independent in his political views. He is the only living charter member of Wauseon Lodge No. 349, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was worshipful master for six years, and he was also high priest of Wauseon Chapter No. 111, Royal Arch Masons, for ten years. In every respect Mr. Blake has lived up to the highest conceptions of good citizenship and upright manhood. He had the misfortune to lose his wife by death on April 28, 1913. She was a lady of beautiful character and many Christian virtues, and she is deeply mourned not only by her family but the entire neighborhood, in which she shared with her husband the respect and esteem of all their acquaintances. Mr. Blake has never been a man to ask favors of anyone, preferring to carve out his own fortune, and he has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property.

FRANK T. BIDDLE. Fulton county farm land repays well those who spend their days cultivating it, for it is fertile, well watered and conveniently located with reference to transportation facilities. Therefore some of the most level-headed men of this region are agriculturists, and one of them who has demonstrated the profit there is in this line of industry is Frank T. Biddle, owner of seventy acres of valuable land in Clinton Township.

Frank T. Biddle was born in York Township, this county, on March 3, 1872, a son of Calvin and Margaret (Todd) Biddle. The Biddle family originated in Scotland, but was transferred to American soil some generations ago, and many bearing the name have

devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits, including Calvin Biddle.

Until he was seventeen years old Frank T. Biddle attended the local rural schools, but at that age left school and devoted all of his attention to farm work, to which he had only given it during the summer months hitherto, and became a practical man in his chosen calling.

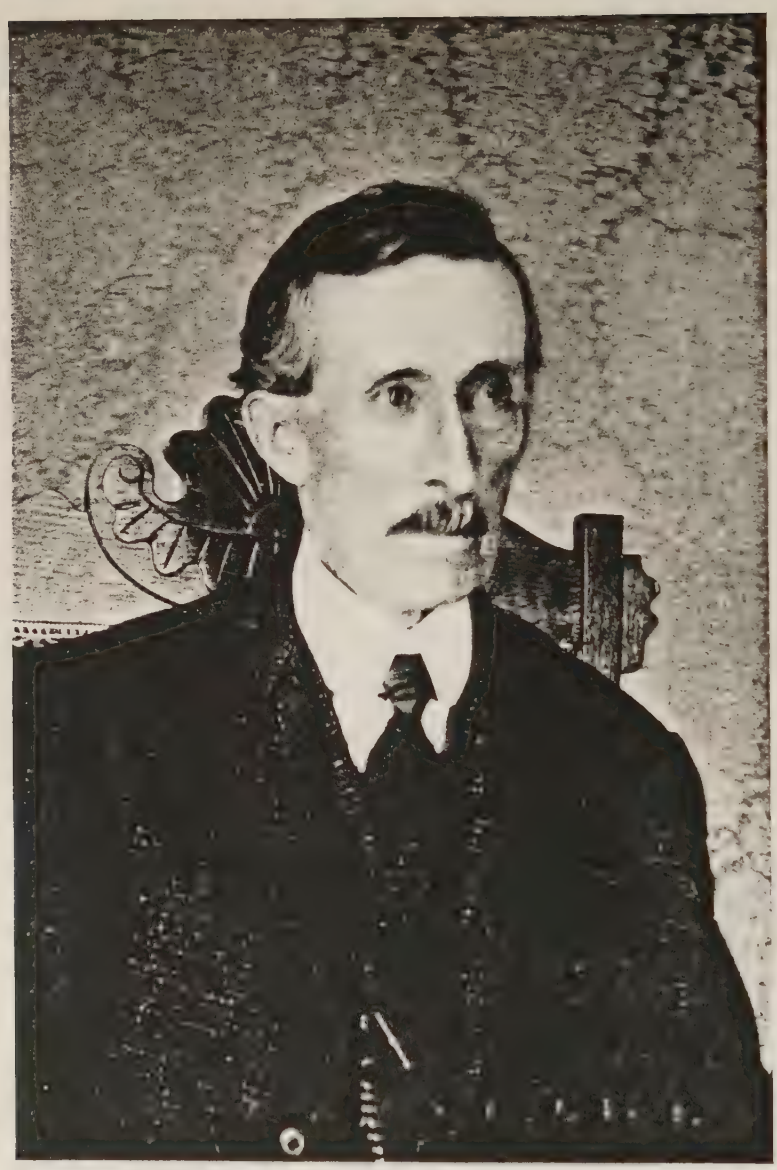
In 1893 Mr. Biddle was united in marriage with Mary Tedrow, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hoffmeyer) Tedrow, of Clinton Township. The Tedrow family is one of the old and honored ones of this region, the Town of Tedrow being named for the founder of it in Fulton county, Isaac Tedrow, who, coming to the county at an early day, bought 320 acres of land and spent the rest of his life upon it. He was a sound, reliable man and became so important a factor in his neighborhood that when the Town of Tedrow was founded his name was given to it. Mr. and Mrs. Biddle have two children, Elizabeth and Florence, both of whom are at home.

Until 1900 Mr. Biddle continued to farm for his father, but then bought forty acres of land from his father and conducted it for five years, at which time he bought his present property, and on it he is carrying on general farming, in which line he is very successful, for he understands his business, knows the requirements of his soil and the demands of his market.

In his politics he is a democrat, and was elected on his party ticket a member of the school board of his district, in which capacity he is rendering a service to his community, for he is a firm believer in providing good schools and competent teachers for the children, the future men and women of the county. According to his views if they are not properly educated much of the work of development of the county will go for naught, so that good schools are the best kind of investment, in addition to being the obligation of this generation to the next. His prosperity has not come to him through the gift of anyone, but because of his intelligently applied industry and carefully considered thrift. In all of his work and saving he has been ably assisted by his wife, and both of them are held in the highest regard by their neighbors, who know and appreciate their many excellent traits of character.

Charles Ross Bates. The fundamental industry of farming is becoming recognized as being so important as to loom up large among other callings of the world. Not only are all of the leading colleges and universities including agricultural departments in their courses of study, but there are also a number of educational institutions devoted exclusively to agriculture. The governments, both national and state, are urging the young men to remain on the farm, and those not satisfied with city life to return to the farm, as well as offering every encouragement to the men already engaged in agricultural pursuits. With the great scarcity of food all over the world, and the seeming necessity for this country to bear a large part of the burden of providing for the unfortunates in the war-devastated regions of the old world, the responsibilities resting upon the farmer have given to him added dignity and importance. One of the men of Fulton county who has worked all this out for himself and trained himself for an agricultural career is Charles Ross Bates, owner of a well-improved farm in Clinton township.

Charles Ross Bates was born in Fulton county on January 16, 1888, a son of F. A. and Esther (Marks) Bates, farming people. The Bates family is of English origin, but has long been established on



WILLIAM GAMBLE

American soil. Growing up in his native county, Mr. Bates attended its schools, following which he had the advantage of a two-years' course at a normal school and then became a student of the Ohio State University, where he took the agricultural course. Returning home, he operated the old homestead until the spring of 1919, when he bought forty-one acres of land in Clinton Township and is now devoting it to general farming and himself to the improvement of this property.

In 1916 Mr. Bates was united in marriage with Tressa Metcliff, a daughter of William and Carrie (Russ) Metcliff. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have no children. A Mason, Mr. Bates belongs to Lyons Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A republican, he has always given an intelligent support to the principles and candidates of his party and sees no reason for changing his politics, for he believes that under republican administrations this country has made its best progress and been the most prosperous.

Mr. Bates belongs to the class of specially trained farmers, and his work is carried on according to proven scientific methods worked out from actual facts. He does not go ahead "hit or miss," but studies his soil, the climate and region before putting in a crop. If his land lacks certain elements he can find out what they are and supply them in the proper amount. If his trees blight, it is not difficult for him to determine the cause, and he is equally fitted to learn how to avoid such conditions. Naturally, being progressive and intelligent, he favors the good roads movement, for he knows that those communities on the great national highways are the ones which will forge ahead, and then, too, he wants to have easy access to the larger cities so that he can keep in close touch with current events. The influence of such men as Mr. Bates on his neighborhood cannot help but be inspiring, and Clinton Township is fortunate in securing him as one of its property holders.

William Gamble. The period in which the late William Gamble of Gorham lived in the world was from September 1, 1845, when he was born in Richland county, to May 1, 1912, when he died in Fulton county. He was a son of Edward and Sarah (Dickinson) Gamble. They came from England in 1840 and located in Richland county. Their children were: Edward, John and Richard, all deceased, and William, who was the youngest of the family. They are all gone the way of the world. William was the only child born after they came to the United States.

It was about the time of the organization of Fulton county in 1850 that the Gamble family removed from Richland to the new county in Western Ohio. They came overland direct to Gorham Township, where they entered, cleared and improved a farm—and both died where they located so long ago.

The Gamble family story is related by Mrs. Frances A. Pontius Gamble, widow of William Gamble. She was born October 31, 1847, near Waterloo, New York. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Deal) Pontius. The father was a native of New York and the mother of Pennsylvania. It was in April, 1870, that Frances A. Pontius became the wife of William Gamble. As early as 1852 her family had come to Gorham—just two years after the coming of the Gamble family. The word pioneer is properly applied to both families.

When William Gamble and his wife were married they lived for a

time on the Gamble farm in Gorham, then bought a fifty-acre tract partly cleared, and they improved it. They cleared and added more land until there is now a farmstead of 150 acres, all under cultivation but ten acres in timber and pasture land. Mr. Gamble was a hard working man, and very prosperous farmer—a good man in the community. The children were: Curtis and Edward, deceased; Nelson, of Lenawee county, Michigan; William, of Gorham; Burt Van Buren, of Fayette; Artemus LeRoy, of Wauseon; and Ophie, wife of Herbert Tillotson, of Fayette.

When their children were in school Mr. and Mrs. Gamble rented the farm and lived in Fayette, where he conducted a grocery business for fourteen years. They had been educated in common schools themselves and wanted to give their children the best educational advantages. The family belong to the Disciples Church in Fayette.

In the same family circle is Richard Lagar Gamble, of Gorham, his ancestry also coming from England. He is a son of Richard and Mary Ellen (Stahl) Gamble, and was born August 23, 1885, at Primrose, Williams county. His mother was a New York woman. The paternal grandparents, Edward and Sarah (Dickinson) Gamble, were from England, while the maternal grandparents, Michael and Eliza (Lutz) Stahl, were from New York, but since 1852 they had lived in Fulton county.

When Richard Gamble, Sr., was married he was a merchant in Fayette for two years, when he removed to Alberton, Ohio. Later he was a merchant in Primrose, Williams county. He died there in 1901, and the widow died in 1917. Their children are: Bertha, wife of H. O. Esterline, of Hudson, Michigan; Elsie, wife of Harvey Nicolen, of Wyoming; Norman, of Fort Morgan, Colorado; and Richard Lagar, of Gorham.

In September, 1906, Richard Lagar Gamble married Rosamond Gleason. She lived in Fulton, although a daughter of Alson and Alice (Kosier) Gleason, of Williams county. For five years they rented a farm in Gorham. The wife died October 11, 1911, and Mr. Gamble removed to Bryan, Williams county. In 1912 he returned to Gorham, remaining one year on a rented farm, when he bought a store in Zone. He operated the store for a time and bought a threshing machine and ran it for three years. When he sold the threshing machine he farmed and bought and sold livestock for a year, and in March, 1918, he bought the farm on which he first lived and farms it today. He has one daughter, Alice Genevieve.

August Ruihley, whose services as an advisory editor of this History of Fulton County it is the pleasure of the publishers to give special credit for, has for thirty years been one of the men of active influence in the affairs of German Township and the Town of Archbold.

Mr. Ruihley was born in German Township east of Archbold August 3, 1869, son of Clemens and Mary (Schultz) Ruihley. His people were prominent in the early Swiss colony in this section of Fulton county. His father came from Canton Schaffhausen, Switzerland, at the age of twenty-four, and at once located in German Township. A mile and a half east of Archbold he bought fifty acres from his uncle, Conrad Kutzli, and after his marriage worked steadily clearing and improving his farm until his death in 1889. His wife died in 1874.

August Ruihley was the youngest of three children. He attended the Schantz country school to the age of fifteen, then spent two years

in the Fayette Normal, and the following four years was busily engaged as teacher in the country school district of German Township. In 1891 he was elected assessor of the township on the democratic ticket, serving one year. About that time he had a breakdown in health which compelled him to remain practically inactive for four years. Since 1895 Mr. Ruihley has done a large business at Archbold in fire insurance, and represents some of the standard companies. He has also been continuously active in public affairs. He was elected township clerk in 1894, and held that office consecutively for fifteen years. In 1895 he was chosen justice of the peace, and the duties of that office he still performs. In the fall of 1915 he was elected mayor of Archbold, and was re-elected in 1917 and again in 1919, on a nonpartisan ticket. He is also a member of the Archbold Library Board. Mr. Ruihley in state and national politics has always been a loyal democrat. During the war he was a member of the local War Board, and gave his influence and leadership during the various campaigns for Liberty loans and other patriotic causes.

In the spring of 1891 he married Anna Frey, daughter of Conrad and Verona (Schlatter) Frey, of German Township. They have three children: Pearl A. is a teacher in the high school at Harvey, Illinois, having charge of the Latin course; Alonzo C. is an attorney located at Toledo, Ohio; Elliott F. is a graduate architectural engineer of Michigan University.

THOMAS C. MURRAY. A prosperous stockman and farmer illustrates by his experience the ups and downs of his line of business, its fascinating promises of fortune, as well as its equally abundant opportunities for failure. He has his full measure of both, but if he possesses the qualities which make for success he comes out at last on top and achieves a lasting place among the leading men of his neighborhood. One of the men of Fulton county who has met with much more than his share of ill fortune, but who because of his sheer pluck and determination to overcome obstacles is now enjoying a well-earned prosperity, is Thomas C. Murray of York Township.

Thomas C. Murray was born in York Township on August 7, 1857, a son of John and Mary (O'Brien) Murray, he born in County Down, Ireland, November 1, 1804, and she in County Wicklow, Ireland, on August 1, 1813. John Murray came to the United States and for a time was employed as a servant at Albany, New York. There he was married and some time later came to Ohio and settled on a farm on the present site of Berea, Cuyahoga county, but sold his tract of land about six years later and came to Fulton county, buying 160 acres of land in what is now York Township, which was then all covered with timber. His first action after coming to this tract was to clear a space for the little log cabin he erected in the midst of the forest, and in it the family lived for some years while he went on with the work of changing the timberland into a well cultivated farm. His death occurred on this farm on January 16, 1872, when he was sixty-seven years old, his widow surviving him until March 20, 1888, when she passed away. Their children were as follows: John, Ellen and Mary, who are deceased; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; James W., who is deceased; Samuel, who is a resident of Delta, Ohio; Sarah, who is deceased; Robert W., who is a farmer of Swan Creek Township; Hugh, who is a farmer of York Township; Mathew, who is deceased; and Thomas C. and Catherine E., twins. The latter is now the wife of N. C. Wright of Wauseon, Ohio.

Thomas C. Murray has always lived on the farm where he was born, his father having deeded the homestead to him. On September 2, 1907, Mr. Murray met with a heavy loss. He had a barn and granary in process of construction when they were struck by lightning and destroyed, as well as their contents, and one horse. This loss, while heavy, was not as great as that sustained by his parents during their pioneer days in York Township. His father was working in the timber and his wife went out to him to carry him some water, leaving her infant asleep in the cabin. She thought she had extinguished all the fire, but evidently did not, for while she was gone the house was burned to the ground and the infant lost its life.

Since assuming charge of the farm Mr. Murray has erected a fine, modern, thirteen-room residence, with good cellar, in which is a furnace. Natural gas is supplied from a well on the farm. Mr. Murray carries on diversified farming and has been successful in attaining to a position where he gets substantial return from his property. Since he was fourteen years old Mr. Murray has not slept away from his own home more than fifty nights, and is very much attached to it and his community.

On May 15, 1888, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Nora Free of Fulton county, Ohio, a daughter of George W. and Hannah Jane (Repp) Free. Mr. and Mrs. Murray became the parents of the following children: Mary Jane, who is Mrs. F. C. Brinkman of York Township; Lora Ella, who is Mrs. Arthur J. Orndorff, of York Township; Ruby Ethel, who married Ralph J. Segrist and lives with her father. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murray are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Murray is active in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society, in politics Mr. Murray is a democrat, but he has no political record, his time being taken up with his farming interests. Both he and Mrs. Murray attended the rural schools and are friends of the public schools, desiring to see them further improved so as to give the children of the neighborhood the best possible educational advantages. They also believe in good roads and are willing to forward any movement having that end in view.

George Ivan Taber, a successful and representative farmer of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, is a native of that township, and comes of one of the pioneer families of Fulton county. He has lived his whole life in the township, and has lived a commendable, useful life, has prospered by his enterprise and industry, and has taken praiseworthy part in the public responsibilities of the district.

George Ivan Taber was born in York Township on October 4, 1871, the son of George W. and Mary E. (Wise) Taber. George W. Taber was born in Cayuga county, New York, but came in his early manhood into Ohio, settling on wild land in York Township, thus being among the early settlers of that section of Fulton county. He purchased a tract of land in the southern central part of the township, and there lived for the rest of his life, which ended on December 8, 1892. His wife, Mary E. Wise, lived for twenty-two years after his decease, death not coming to her until December 27, 1914. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taber had many friends in the township, and were generally esteemed as kind-hearted, public-spirited people, of responsibility and good life. They were the parents of five children: Harry I., of York Township; Althea Jenette, who married Thomas L. Aumond, of York Township; George Ivan, of whose life more in detail follows; Bertha, who died when only seven

years old; and Arthur, who has also remained in his native township.

George Ivan, third child of George W. and Mary E. (Wise) Taber, was educated in the public school, the Taylor school of his native township, receiving the education customary in country schools of his time. But long before he had closed his years of schooling he had become conversant with some of the major, and most of the minor, operations of farming life. As a boy he was accustomed to undertake the execution of many minor duties on the home farm, and during the long summer vacations he gave most of his time to farm work at home. Eventually, after leaving school, he settled down steadily to agriculture, and has passed his whole life thus usefully and manfully employed. And with good return it must be added, for he is now in the possession of a good acreage which yields his family good return. That property of sixty acres to which he removed after marriage was at the time he purchased it only partly cleared, but resolute application to its improvement brought the land eventually into its present state. The farm is situated in section seven of York Township, and the whole acreage is under cultivation. It is a well-balanced holding, with adequate buildings, most of which Mr. Taber himself remodelled and rebuilt. And the property is well adapted to the purpose to which it has been put, general farming, and in the raising of stock and in dairying Mr. Taber has shown commendable enterprise and industry. During his years of industrious farming he has not shirked public duties. He has always been ready to give support to public movements that had bearing on some phase of the affairs of his own community, and he has been especially interested in church work. And for many years he has been an active member of the local Grange. Politically Mr. Taber is an independent democrat, although he has never shown an inclination to participate actively in national politics. During the recent war he was intensely concerned in national affairs, and by his own actions during the period showed himself to be a whole-heartedly loyal citizen. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias order, being a member of Lodge No. 156 of Wauseon, Ohio. He is a member of the Christian Union Bethel Church, and he and his wife are active workers as well as good supporters thereof. Mr. Taber has been treasurer of the Sunday school of that church since 1916.

On October 21, 1898, George Ivan Taber married Maude B., daughter of Andrew S. and Charity (Pontius) Hoffman, the former a prosperous farmer for many years in Liberty Township, Henry county, Ohio. Andrew S. Hoffman was born in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield county, Ohio, March 15, 1831, and died on May 30, 1910, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, Charity (Pontius) Hoffman, was born in Henry county, Ohio, June 15, 1848, and died on March 7, 1899, aged fifty years. The children of Andrew S. and Charity (Pontius) Hoffman were: Stant, now of Napoleon, Ohio; Reuben, now of York Township, Fulton county; Addie, who married George Graner, of Liberty Centre, Ohio; Alfred and Harley, sons, who both died in infancy; Maude B., now Mrs. Taber; Pearl, who married Roy Hardy, of Napoleon, Ohio; and Florence, who married Paul Bernicke, of Napoleon, Ohio. Mrs. Taber was born in Liberty Township, Henry county, Ohio, on January 27, 1878. Since she married George I. Taber she has entered much into community life in York Township. She is a member of the Christian Union Bethel Church, and has had good part in church work. She

is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the local Grange, and also of the Grange Thimble Club. She was president of the former organization for one year, and has served as treasurer of the Thimble Club. During the war she took an earnest part in women's war work in her district. Mr. and Mrs. Taber have one child, a son, Lawrence Winford, who was born on January 21, 1910, and now attends the local school.

Edward G. Dailey. One of the men of Fulton county who has done much to raise the standard of living among farmers and earn for himself a fair profit is Edward G. Dailey of York township. He was born in this township on August 31, 1867, a son of William and Rachel E. (McQuillan) Dailey, also natives of York Township. The paternal grandparents were Peter and Rebecca (Shaffer) Dailey, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively, and they were among the very early settlers of Fulton county. Jacob McQuillan, uncle of Mrs. Rachel E. Dailey, conducted the first store at Delta, Ohio. The maternal grandparents were David and Lydia Ann (Switzer) McQuillan, natives of Pennsylvania, who also came to Fulton county at a very early day.

Following their marriage William Dailey and his wife settled on a farm in York Township one mile north of Delta, and there he died on April 20, 1914, and there his widow continues to live. Their children were as follows: Edward G., who was the first born, and his brother, William A., who resides at Farmington, Michigan.

Growing up on the homestead of his father, Edward G. Dailey learned how to be a farmer and also attended the rural schools of his neighborhood. On December 12, 1889, he was united in marriage with Viola M. Fashbaugh, born in York Township, a daughter of Jacob and Maria (Batdorf) Fashbaugh, natives of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Fashbaugh, and William and Sarah (Cole) Batdorf. After his marriage Mr. Dailey lived on the homestead of his father-in-law for a year, when he moved to Royalton Township and rented a farm for three years. He then bought sixty acres of the Fashbaugh homestead, on which he has since erected a modern residence supplied with furnace heat, toilet, bathroom and other modern conveniences. Mr. Dailey has added to his original purchase until he now has 117 acres in all, and he is now carrying on general farming, that having been his choice of agricultural activity ever since he began working on his own account.

Mr. and Mrs. Dailey became the parents of the following children: Dessie L., who married Harry Whitmore of Pike Township, has one daughter, Reva May; Harold, who lives at Bryan, Ohio, married Ethel Porter and has a son, Gerald; Helen; Glenn, who married Ruth Guilford, has one son, Floyd; and Darel, and Mearle, Mildred, Vera, Fern and Donald, all of whom are at home. Mr. Dailey and his wife belong to the United Bretheren Church and he has held all of the offices in the church, now being a trustee of the church and parsonage property. A republican, he served for five terms as township assessor, and for three years he worked with the Fulton county surveyor as his deputy. A man of more than usual ability, he has directed the best of his efforts to his farming and has been very successful in it and has introduced some improvements which his experiments have proven to be of considerable value.

Warren T. Miller. The late Warren T. Miller was one of the substantial men and prosperous agriculturists of York Township,

and he was also a veteran of the Union Army. He was born in York Township, in a little log cabin, on August 15, 1841, a son of John S. and Rebecca (Wright) Miller, natives of Fairfield county, Ohio, who were married in Seneca county, Ohio, about 1835. Soon thereafter they moved with oxen to what is now York Township, Fulton county, and became the owners of several hundred of acres of land in the timber. He died at Liberty Center, Ohio, in November, 1897, she surviving him until 1904. Their children were as follows: Charles, who died at the age of twenty years; George, who is deceased; Emeline, who married first Julius Leist and later married Ezra Sayers, both now deceased; Eli, who died while serving in the Union Army; and Warren T., whose name heads this review.

In October, 1861, Warren T. Miller enlisted in the Union Army as a member of Company D, Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in December, 1864, at the expiration of his period of enlistment. Although he participated in many of the major battles of the war, including General Sherman's March to the Sea, he was not wounded.

Returning home, he resumed the peaceful occupation of farming, and on March 30, 1865, was united in marriage with Henrietta Fedora Dumaresq, born in North Royalton, Ohio, on August 30, 1841, a daughter of John and Margaret (McKay) Dumaresq, he born on the Isle of Guernsey in the English Channel and she at Big Tree, Alleghany county, Pennsylvania. They married and settled in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, from whence they moved to Ogden Center, Michigan, and he became the owner of a farm now included in the southeastern part of that city. In 1852 Mr. Dumaresq sold his farm and came to Fulton county, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Miller rented land from his father for three years and then his father gave him eighty acres of timberland in section 10, in the southern part of York Township. He at once began clearing off this place and improving it, and in 1875 hauled brick from Napoleon, Ohio, with which he erected a fine residence. Mr. Miller continued to conduct this farm until his death, which occurred on February 28, 1915, since which time his widow rents it to a tenant, and she now resides in Wauseon.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of the following: John D., who died at the age of eighteen months; Martha D., who died at the age of twenty-eight years, was Mrs. Theodore Fonty, and left two children, Viola, who is Mrs. Tully Cameron of York Township, and Millis, who is Mrs. Wilmer Miller of York Township, has one son, Lawrence Herbert; the third child of Warren L. Miller and his wife is Rolla, of York Township, who first married Lucy Seymour and had two sons, Cecil and Kenneth, and after her death married Minnie Timbers, and they have one son, Ralph; and Octavia May, who is Mrs. Ira Free, of York Township, has one daughter, Iris.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Miller taught school for nine terms in Fulton county and for three terms in Henry county and is a very well educated lady. She attends the Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Miller was a republican and served for one term as township trustee. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. A quiet, hard-working man, Mr. Miller was held in high esteem in his neighborhood, and his death was recognized as a loss to the community.

George W. Myers, now deceased, was highly respected in York Township, had long been a resident of Fulton county and earlier

in life was prominent in agricultural circles. He was born at Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, on April 30, 1831, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Rogers) Myers. On December 31, 1860, George W. Myers was married at Napoleon, Ohio, to Rhena Farwell, born at Keen, Ohio, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thompson) Farwell, he was born near Keen, New Hampshire, and she in Maryland. At a very early day Mr. Farwell came to Fulton county, Ohio, making the trip overland and buying a farm not far from the farm owned by Henry and Elizabeth (Rogers) Myers, who had also come to Fulton county and located in York Township.

After his marriage George W. Myers located on a farm of 115 acres in York Township and proceeded to improve it. He hauled brick from Napoleon and erected a comfortable brick residence of ten rooms with closets, and a cellar under the whole house, which is still standing. When he took charge of the farm the land was nearly all in a wild state, but he put it under cultivation and made it a valuable property. Here he lived until his death on February 17, 1911. His widow survived him until December 18, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers became the parents of the following children: Estella B., who died at the age of four years; Nettie, who is on the home place; May, who is Mrs. F. E. Skeels, of York Township.

George W. Myers was a veteran of the Union Army, having enlisted in the spring of 1861, in Company A, Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. After his honorable discharge he returned home and resumed his farming. A democrat, he was elected a justice of the peace and served as such for a number of years. When Losier Post, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized at Wauseon, Mr. Myers became a member of it and continued as such until his death.

The home farm is now conducted by Mr. Myers' daughter, Mrs. Nettie Fields, a widow with one son, Kirk F. M. Fields, who is with his mother on the farm. She understands her work, and this farm is earning a good profit for the heirs. Mr. Myers was one of the sound, reliable and dependable men of his township, and was recognized as one whose word was as good as another man's bond. While he never cared much for public life, he possessed ability and had he so chosen doubtless could have had many offices within the gift of his neighbors, for they knew that he could fill them. Mrs. Fields is recognized as inheriting many of her father's excellent qualities, and is highly respected in the township where she was born and where she has practically spent her life.

Sanford J. Lutton, one of the successful general farmers and dairymen of York Township, is a man who has earned his present prosperity through hard work and intelligent investment of time and money. He was born in York Township on March 22, 1855, a son of Mathew and Eliza (Moore) Lutton, natives of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where the paternal grandparents died. About 1853 Mathew Lutton left Pennsylvania for Fulton county, Ohio, and about a year thereafter he was married and settled on a forty-acre timber tract in York Township. Later, selling the original farm, he bought another one of eighty acres two miles west of Delta, Ohio, which was covered with heavy timber. On it he built a log cabin, in which the family lived during the period of clearing land and placing it under cultivation, although it was later replaced by a more commodious dwelling. In 1902 Mathew Lutton left the farm and moved to Delta, where he died. His widow survived him until August 10, 1918, when she passed away. Their children were as

follows: Sanford J., who was the eldest; Atha, who is Mrs. Webb Bundy, of Delta, Ohio; Elmetta, who died at the age of fourteen years; Reasin, who died in childhood; Samuel, who is employed by the Wabash Railroad Company; Chauncey and Lincoln, who are farmers of York Township; Bertha, who lives at Delta, Ohio; Rosa, who is Mrs. Lewis Woodring, of Swan Creek Township; Alfred, who lives in Wauseon; Arthur, who lives in Chesterfield Township; and Victor E., who lives in York Township.

Sanford J. Lutton remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, during which time he attended the district schools. Leaving the parental roof, he worked for a time on Ohio farms, and then went to La Salle county, Illinois, and still later to Lee county, Illinois, continuing his farm work, and after two seasons returned to Fulton county. In 1884 he was married and then moved to a sixty-acre farm he had bought in Henry county, Ohio, and conducted it for twenty-one years, but then sold it and once more came back to York Township. Here he bought sixty-five acres, which was well improved, and he has since added twenty acres, having all but sixteen acres of his farm under cultivation, that being in timber and pasture. Mr. Lutton keeps a small herd for dairy purposes and carries on general farming, his efforts having always been directed along this line of agricultural work.

On February 7, 1884, Mr. Lutton was united in marriage with Mary Seymour, born in York Township, a daughter of Gideon and Effie (Markle) Seymour, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lutton have three children, namely: Nettie, who is Mrs. Sherman Frederick, of Pike Township; May, who is Mrs. Carl Wade, of Wauseon, Ohio; and Rollie J., who is a veteran of the great war. In politics Mr. Lutton is a republican. A sound, dependable and upright man, Mr. Lutton has devoted himself to the one calling he chose at the beginning of his career, and his success proves the wisdom of that action, for his abilities have been afforded in it a fair chance for development, and he has acquired a competence and standing among his associates.

Michael Rupp. The late Michael Rupp was one of the substantial and highly respected farmers of Fulton county, owning and operating a valuable farm in York Township. He was born in Baden Baden, Germany, in September, 1818, and in 1836 came to the United States and was engaged in working on different farms and in the clearing of timber in various counties of Ohio. Then he entered Government land in Hancock county, Ohio, and lived on this until 1880, when he sold that farm and came to Fulton county, locating on a farm in York Township that he had previously bought. To this he kept on adding until he had 240 acres of land, and cleared it of timber and put it under cultivation, making of it one of the good farms of the township. Here he died on July 10, 1888.

Michael Rupp was first married to a lady who only lived a year or two after marriage, and their infant daughter also passed away. On April 23, 1850, Mr. Rupp was married to Mary Gassman, born in Seneca county, Ohio, on February 3, 1834, a daughter of Philip and Catherine (Ninemeyer) Gassman, of Hagerstown, Maryland. Mrs. Rupp survives her husband and still resides on the farm in York Township.

The children born to Michael Rupp and his second wife were as follows: Bina, who is Mrs. Charles Hess, of Blunt, South Dakota; Anna, who is Mrs. Jonas Culp, of Montrose, Colorado; Catherine, who is Mrs. Charles Reed, of Wauseon, Ohio; Charles, who died in

1886, while a resident of South Dakota; Joseph, who lives at Delta, Ohio; Ella, who was Mrs. Henry Hoffman, is now deceased; Emma, who lives with her mother; Alice, who is Mrs. Ellis McQuillan, of Pike Township; Frank, who is on the home farm; and Louise, who is Mrs. Kensie Trobridge, of York Township.

Mr. Rupp's educational training was limited to the instruction given in the public schools of Germany, but he was a man who learned much from close observation. In his political faith he was a democrat, but aside from voting took no part in public affairs. A very religious man he lived up to the faith of the Dunkard Church and carried his belief into his everyday life. Industrious and thrifty, he never spared himself, but worked hard and saved his money and when he died left behind him a valuable property for his family. Although many years have passed since his death he is remembered by the older generation as a most worthy man and excellent citizen.

Edward Fauble. Born and reared on a farm in Fulton county, Mr. Fauble during his active years has been actively identified with commercial lines, and has had an active part in the affairs of the Town of Swanton, where he is one of the officials of the Swanton Milling and Elevator Company and has also exercised the rights and prerogatives of a live and public spirited citizen of that community.

Mr. Fauble was born in Fulton Township February 2, 1880, son of Robert and Clara (Manley) Fauble. His parents were born in Ohio, married in Fulton county, and for many years have been respected and substantial farming people of the county. Their family of children consists of the following: Ella, wife of A. B. Putnam, of Fulton Township; Nellie, twin sister of Ella, wife of W. J. Flemming, of Fulton Township; Roy, of Toledo; Edward; Clarence, of Toledo; Ralph, at home; and Florence, Mrs. John Clifton, of Lenawee county, Michigan.

Edward Fauble lived at home for eighteen years, acquired his education in the common schools, and on leaving home worked out as a farm hand four years and also rented and put in several crops on his own responsibility. For three years he was employed by a business concern in Toledo, and in 1912 began his connection with Swanton. He located there, handling feed and other supplies, and in 1915 his enterprise was incorporated as the Swanton Milling and Elevator Company. J. E. Robasser is president; C. A. Vaughan, vice president; Mr. Fauble, secretary, treasurer and manager, while the directors are J. E. Robasser, A. D. Baker, C. A. Vaughan, J. F. Sunday, A. F. Keener, Charles Neis and Mr. Fauble. The company was formed as a milling and grain elevator concern, and during the past five years has transacted a large volume of business, not only furnishing a market to the farmers for their grain, but also distributing the feed, seeds, coal, hay and other products.

Mr. Fauble has been a member of the City Council of Swanton continuously since he moved to the town in 1912. He is a republican voter and a member of the Methodist Church. In June, 1899, he married Myrtle Nobbs, a native of Fulton Township, and a daughter of J. H. and Anna (Fetterman) Nobbs. Her parents are still living in Fulton Township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fauble are: Helen, Rachel, Howard, Hubert and Leslie.

Aquila Price. For a long period of years Aquila Price was one of the leading business men, bankers and citizens of Swanton, and still manifests a keen interest in the welfare of the town and

county, though now practically retired from business and public life.

Mr. Price was born at Fremont, Ohio, April 24, 1854, son of Josiah F. and Belinda (Merrill) Price. His father for many years occupied a commanding position among Ohio's lawyers. Josiah Price was born in Stark county, Ohio, and his wife at Marion, where they were married. As a young man he taught school in Marion, and after his admission to the bar practiced law a few years at Marion and then moved to Fremont, where he was associated for two years with Judge Frenefrock. From there he moved to Perrysburg, and served as prosecuting attorney and probate judge of Wood county. At the beginning of the Civil war he was commissioned a major and paymaster, and loyally aided the Union cause with every resource at his command. After the war Judge Price removed to Toledo, where for several years he was in practice with Judge George R. Haynes, a former member of the Ohio Supreme Court. He was also an associate for several years of Clayton W. Everett. Ill health compelled him eventually to give up his law practice and he then moved to a farm near Holland, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1887. His wife passed away December 10, 1894.

Aquila Price acquired his early education in the public schools, taking a commercial course at Toledo, and while in that city learned the drug business. In 1871 he left Toledo and went to Chicago, and was there at the time of the great fire and followed different occupations in the city for two years. He satisfied his wander spirit by travel over several of the western states and territories, but in 1875 located at Milford, Illinois, where he engaged in the drug business and where on December 10, 1877, he married Georgianna Blanchfill. She was born at Oxford, Indiana, daughter of George and Susan (McClure) Blanchfill.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Price came direct to Swanton, Ohio, bought a drug business, and remained personally in charge of the store until 1904. Not long afterward he sold out, and then organized the Bank of Swanton, becoming its president, and filling that office for several years. Mr. Price was elected a member of the County Board of Commissioners in 1912, serving two terms of two years each. He has also served as clerk and assessor and city treasurer of Swanton, and was the first incumbent of the office of city treasurer. Mr. Price is a loyal republican in politics and has attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry and in also a member of the Mystic Shrine.

He is the father of two daughters: Laura, Mrs. Robert Reed, of Swanton, and Jessie, Mrs. W. R. Ford of Toledo.

John Edward Robasser. While for a quarter of a century his efforts were capably directed within the scope of his own land as a farmer, Mr. Robasser in recent years, since becoming a resident of Swanton, has taken a very active interest in local public affairs and business and has supplied much of the enterprise to that locality. Mr. Robasser is a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Swanton, is president of the Swanton Milling and Elevator Company and is a director of the A. D. Baker Company.

He was born in Fulton Township August 11, 1864, a son of Melchoir and Louisa (Zohl) Robasser. His father was a native of Switzerland and his mother of Germany. They were married in New York State after coming to this country, and Melchoir for several years worked as a farmer. In 1862 the family arrived in

Fulton county, Melchoir at that time being poor in purse but determined to establish a home of his own. With his modest means he acquired forty acres in Fulton Township. Most of this land was covered with dense timber. His labor year after year subdued the wilderness, and as his means increased he bought sixty acres more, giving him a farm of eighty acres and eventually a well won competence. About a year before his death he retired from the farm and moved to Swanton, where he died in 1911. His widow passed away in 1909. Their children were: Charles, of Fulton Township; Elizabeth, deceased; and John Edward.

John Edward Robasser as a boy attended the neighboring district school and was well trained to the tasks and responsibilities of farming. On December 6, 1888, at the age of twenty-four, he married Elsie Berkebile. She was born in Spencer Township of Lucas county, Ohio, daughter of Levan and Mary (Farmer) Berkebile, natives of Pennsylvania.

After his marriage Mr. Robasser farmed his father's place for a quarter of a century. He inherited forty acres of the homestead and subsequently bought forty acres across the road. Of the purchase land about twenty acres have been cleared and his individual efforts put thirteen acres into cultivation. He busied himself with the tasks of general farming, made many improvements, and lived in the country until the fall of 1914, when he removed to Swanton. His son Vern now has the responsibilities of managing the farm.

Besides his business activities Mr. Robasser served four years as a county commissioner, two years on the City Council of Swanton, and is the present mayor of that village, having entered office January 1, 1918. He is a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. For six years he was a school director, and both in the country and since coming to Swanton has taken a deep interest in the maintenance of good schools.

Mrs. Robasser died July 2, 1917, and the Swanton home of Mr. Robasser is now being looked after by his daughter Flossie. He and his wife had two children. The son, Vern, married Edna Flemming, their three children being Ilene, Gerald and Marion. Flossie is Mrs. William Wier, and the mother of one daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Frederick A. Pilliod. The distinction Swanton now enjoys as a growing industrial center and one of the most proosperous towns of Fulton county is chiefly due to the enterprise and leadership of such men as Frederick A. Pilliod, whose name has been closely associated with the commercial and industrial life of that town for many years.

Mr. Pilliod is a native of this section of Ohio, born at Waterville in Lucas county March 20, 1866, son of Augustine and Emeline (Harris) Pilliod. His father was born near Belfort in eastern France, while his mother was a native of New York State. Frederick A. Pilliod acquired a fair education, sufficient for his needs, in the public and parochial schools of Toledo and in Assumption College at Sandwich, Canada. His success in life is due partly to his early start and partly to the tremendous energy with which he has prosecuted every endeavor. At the age of eighteen he was working as a messenger for the American District Telegraph Company in Toledo. Eight months later he joined the Toledo Gas and Coke Company, and subsequently was in the flour milling business for two years at Holgate, Ohio. That brings his record down to the point where he joined the community of Swanton, then a small village without any

pretensions for world trade. Here he became associated with his brother, L. N. Pilliod, in the flour milling business.

On January 1, 1901, Mr. Pilliod promoted and organized the A. D. Baker Company, manufacturers of traction engines. He became secretary, treasurer and general manager of that corporation, which for many years presented Swanton's chief claims to recognition as a manufacturing center. On October 1, 1907, Mr. Pilliod organized the Baker-Pilliod Valve Gear Company, for the purpose of manufacturing a special type of locomotive valve gear. May 1, 1909, the business was re-organized in the form of a stock company known as the Pilliod Company, of which Mr. Pilliod is secretary, treasurer and general manager. The president and sales manager is R. H. Weatherly and the vice president is A. D. Baker, while the other directors are Walter F. Brown of Toledo and Frank H. Clark of New York. While the main offices and manufacturing plant are at Swanton, the company maintains sales offices in New York and Chicago, and does an extensive business with all the railroads. The business is rapidly growing, and already more than seven thousand locomotives are equipped with the valve gears manufactured at Swanton. The plant employs on an average 100 skilled men.

Mr. Pilliod has several other things to his credit as a live and public spirited citizen of Swanton. He is a director in the Pilliod Lumber Company of that town, is a director in the Farmers and Merchants Deposit Company of Swanton, and he served for twenty-five years as chief of the local fire department, and was appointed by Governor Harmon and served four years as a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane at Toledo. He is a Catholic, a member of the Church Council of St. Richard's Church at Swanton. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus at Toledo and with Toledo Council of the National Union.

November 7, 1889, Mr. Pilliod married Mary E. Long, a native of Providence Township, Lucas county, and a daughter of George and Ellen Long. Her father for about thirty years was superintendent of the Miami and Erie Canal. Mr. and Mrs. Pilliod have four children: Harry G., of Swanton; Raymond D., assistant secretary and president of the valve company; Norbert L., a farmer in Swanton Township; and Margaret L., a stenographer with the valve company.

John F. Estel is owner of one the well improved farms of Fulton Township, on rural route No. 19 out of Swanton. Most of his life has been spent in this section of Ohio, and his record well deserves the confidence of his community.

Mr. Estel was born at Whitehouse in Lucas county, Ohio, October 24, 1857. His parents were Frederick John and Augusta (Grentz) Estel, the former a native of Dresden, Saxony, and the latter of Prussia, Germany. Five of their children were born in Germany. On October 18, 1854, the family reached Whitehouse, Ohio, and in 1866 moved to Fulton Township, buying a farm near Swanton. Frederick John Estel proved himself a capable farmer and substantial member of the community, and died honored and respected in 1898, while his wife passed away in 1899. A record of their children is as follows: Augusta, widow of Yarner Rakeskaw, living at Liberty Center, Ohio; Anna, widow of Martin Kibler, of Swanton; Emil, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Augustus, of Pasadena, California; Pauline, Mrs. Cornelius Aicher, whose address is Stockyards Station,

Denver, Colorado; Mary, widow of William Grumme, and living at Marshalltown, Iowa; John F.; Malinda, Mrs. Edward Heinz, of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Amelia, Mrs. Byron McClure, also of Marshalltown.

John F. Estel during his boyhood in Fulton county attended the common schools and also acquired much knowledge of farming. About the time he reached his majority he went west, worked on farms in Barton county, Kansas, during 1879, and during the following year was employed as a cooper at Marshalltown, Iowa. After returning to Fulton county he lived with his parents until the death of his father, and then for two years rented a farm in Spencer Township of Lucas county. He then bought the fifty acres known as the Levi Merrill farm in section 10 of Fulton Township. Mr. Estel has prospered as a farmer in spite of some losses and calamities out of the ordinary. August 5, 1910, while threshing, the buildings caught fire and all were destroyed. He replaced them with a complete set of new buildings, all of substantial character, and this building equipment does much to give his farm its present high value.

On May 2, 1889, Mr. Estel married Pauline Mayer, who was born at Whitehouse, Ohio, a daughter of J. M. and Elizabeth (Brenner) Mayer. Her parents were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Estel have two children, John M. and Frank L., both living in Fulton Township. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Estel served as constable while living in Spencer Township of Lucas county, and has also been a member of the local school board. He is a republican voter and is affiliated with Swanton Lodge No. 588, Knights of Pythias.

Joseph Lumbrezer. The Lumbrezer family history reverts to Lucas county, and Joseph Lumbrezer of Fulton Township was born April 20, 1880, in Spencer Township. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ruple) Lumbrezer, the father born in Switzerland but the mother was a native of Lucas county. In 1854 Peter Lumbrezer and his family came from Switzerland and located in Spencer Township, and Thomas Lumbrezer and his family are still residents of Lucas county. The children are: Katie, wife of Edward Langender, of Richfield Township; Peter, of Spencer Township; Joseph, who crossed the line into Fulton county; Lawrence, of Fulton Township; Anthony of Richfield Township; Louis, of Spencer Township; Clarence, at home; and May, who died in young womanhood.

When Joseph Lumbrezer was sixteen years old he began working by the month and continued it for seven seasons. On May 13, 1913, he married Margaret Matilda Bauer. She was born in Amboy Township. She is a daughter of Nicholas and Catharine (Gerton) Bauer, who came from Germany. After his marriage Mr. Lumbrezer settled on a farm of forty acres he owned in Richfield Township, Lucas county. In the spring of 1910 he sold the Lucas county farm and bought ninety-seven acres where he lives in Fulton Township. He lives on the Fulton-Lucas county line, and in 1917 he bought fifty-four acres in Lucas county, in front of his house.

The Lumbrezer children are: Frederick, Milan and Raymond. Mr. Lumbrezer is a democrat. The family are members of the Catholic Church at Caraghar and he is a Catholic Knight.

Albert Florentine Keener. The Keener family story reverts to Lucas county, where Albert Florentine Keener, of Fulton Town-

ship, was born April 5, 1881. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Fausz) Keener, the father from Crawford and the mother a native of Lucas county. When Daniel Keener married he settled near Whitehouse and always resided in Lucas county. His wife died in 1910, and he still lives at Whitehouse. Their children are: Jeanette, of Toledo; Albert F.; Grace, a World war nurse in the United States Army, and Lucile, who lives with the father at Whitehouse.

A. F. Keener was educated in common school and in high school at Whitehouse. He went to the Metropolitan Business College in Toledo, and after he was twenty-one he worked one year for his father and they were partners for two years, when Mr. Keener bought the farm of 106 acres where he now lives in Fulton Township. He has eighty-five acres under cultivation and the remainder is in timber in the pasture. Since then he has bought two farms in Lucas county. He rents them and manages his farm in Fulton. He does a general line of farming and raises Holstein cattle.

Mr. Keener has modern appointments in his home—electric lights, furnace heat, etc., and everything is modern at his farmstead. In October, 1904, Mr. Keener married Lena Dora Stuessy, of Green county, Wisconsin. She is a daughter of Jacob Stuessy. Their children are: Mildred, Burton Daniel, Edith, Marjorie, Dorothy, Norman and Grace.

The Keener family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Swanton, and for several years Mr. Keener has been a member of the Swanton Board of Education. Since 1917 he has been a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Swanton Milling Company. Mr. Keener is independent in politics—the man rather than the party—and he is a Mason in Swanton. He has filled all of the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 528, of Swanton.

Of the younger generation of farmers one of the best representatives is Albert F. Keener. His ambition was to be a successful farmer and he has succeeded in attaining it. He takes a keen interest in the welfare and improvement of his local community, as the above record shows, and the agricultural and civic welfare of Fulton county are well assured so long as such men as Mr. Keener have the keeping of the destinies of farm and country life.

James Joseph Born. The Born family history centering about James Joseph Born of Fulton had its beginning in Fulton county soon after its organization with the coming of his parents, David and Margaret (Kline) Born, to the new county in Western Ohio. Their son was born March 9, 1855, in Fulton county. The father was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, while the mother was born in Tuscarawas county. David Born came to Tuscarawas county, where they were married, but they immediately removed to Fulton county.

When the Born family was planted in Fulton county, David Born paid $400 for forty acres of land, but in time he acquired the rest of an eighty and an extra acre of land on which he erected a shop, where he worked as a carpenter, millwright and wagonmaker for many years in the early history of the community. As a carpenter he did much building all about the country. He served the community as township official in different capacities. Mrs. Born died May 13, 1894, while Mr. Born died June 4 of the following year —two Fulton county pioneers.

Their children are: Franklin, deceased; Johanna, wife of Abraham S. Van Nortwick, of Wauseon; Jacob, deceased; James Joseph; and Ellen, who died at the age of seven. Mr. Born acquired the home farm after the death of his father, and he has never lived anywhere else. David Born and his son invented a washing machine, and for years James Joseph Born was employed placing it on the market. He traveled about the country with it.

There are about six acres of pasture and not a foot of waste land on the farm owned by Mr. Born. His main crops are corn, oats, wheat and clover seed, and for seven years he has grown sugar beets. Diversified farming and crop rotation solves the problem in agriculture.

On December 29, 1881, Mr. Born married Lovina Saeger, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Nobbs) Saeger, and a native of Fulton county. The mother was an English woman and the father was from Pennsylvania. The children are: Grace, who died July 29, 1913; Charles, of Fulton, married Virgie Gill, and their children are: Thelma Maude, Wilbur Charles, Clarence Jacob, William James and Earl Teddy, who died in infancy.

Mr. Born attended Basswood district school, and for many years he served the community as a member of the school board. He casts his ballot with the republicans. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Delta, and has occupied all of the chairs. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the community. Mr. Born is an active member of the Grange, and has attended the State Grange as the local representative.

While his life has been spent in one locality, Mr. Born has had interesting diversity of experiences, and his farming, business, social and civic interests indicate that he is more than a representative type of Fulton county citizenship. He has always been sensible of his obligations to others, and his individual record lends many additional qualities to the long and useful residence of the Born family in this county.

John A. Rupp, secretary, treasurer and stockholder of the Elmira Elevated Company of Elmira, Ohio, is one of the aggressive young business men of Fulton county who has attained to the position his talents entitle him to hold. He was born in Franklin Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on October 23, 1886, a son of John J. and Anna (Buchor) Rupp, and grandson of Joseph Rupp, who founded the family in America, coming here from Switzerland in young manhood. After his arrival in this country he was married, and finally located in Wayne county, Ohio, where for some time he was engaged in farming. Later he moved to German Township, Fulton county, near Burlington, and bought a 160 acre farm. He reared a family of five sons and two daughters, and died in 1885.

John J. Rupp located in Franklin Township, Fulton county, after his marriage, and became the owner of 142½ acres of land, and there he died in 1915 and his wife passed away in the same year, they dying just three months apart. Like his father, John J. Rupp spent his life in agricultural activities.

John A. Rupp was reared amid strictly rural surroundings and was taught the dignity of labor properly performed. He attended the district schools until he was seventeen years old, when he left to take a commercial course in the Metropolitan Business College at Toledo, Ohio, and during the winter months in order to earn sufficient money

to pay for his tuition. Returning home he was engaged in working the homestead with his father until he reached his majority, at that time securing a position as bookkeeper for the Elmira Elevator Company, assuming the duties of that position in November, 1908. Faithful performance of them gained him recognition, and he was promoted, being first made secretary, then treasurer, and in September, 1917, he was made manager of the elevator. This company handles grain, feed, coal, salt, hay and flour, receiving produce from a territory of ten miles and shipping to the eastern markets. With Walter E. Spangler, Mr. Rupp owns the Cement, Tile & Block Company of Elmira, Ohio, is secretary of the Winner Manufacturing Company, in which he also owns stock, and in all of these concerns is a forceful factor.

Mr. Rupp is a member of the Elmira Special School District Board. He served on the board for five years, was re-elected and was made its secretary and clerk, which offices he still holds. In his political views, Mr. Rupp is an independent thinker. Proud of his family, he has succeeded in awakening the interest of members of it and now is secretary of the Rupp Reunion, which takes place in September of every year at Rufenacht Grove, and the popularity of these gatherings is largely due to his efforts. Mr. Rupp was also a member of the German Township Liberty Loan Committee and raised $104,250. In every respect Mr. Rupp is an excellent citizen, and one of his most effective services is that rendered as secretary of the committee having in charge the securing of the high tension electric service line to furnish power and light from the Toledo Interurban Railway from Pettisville to Elmira at a cost of $9,000.

In September, 1910, Mr. Rupp was united in marriage with Almeda Weber, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine Weber, who lived at Archbold, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rupp have three children, namely: Lyle John, who was born in 1911; Stanley, who was born in 1914; and Paul Weber, who was born in 1916. Mr. Rupp is the embodiment of the qualities of utter fearlessness and honesty, joined with a fortunate capacity for hard work and intelligent direction of his efforts, and it is very seldom that he undertakes anything that it is not carried through to a successful completion.

Corwin F. Mills, of Fulton Township, was born August 22, 1860, in Swanton Township, Lucas county. He is a son of Arthur and Jane Ann (Hogle) Mills. While the father was born in Lucas county, the mother came from Rochester, New York. The paternal grandparents, David and Sarah (Barnes) Mills, who were early settlers in Lucas county, came from Connecticut. The maternal ancestry, Isaac and Jane (Torrey) Hogle, always lived in New York. An uncle, Samuel J. Torrey, was a representative in 1867 in the New York Legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills were married in Fulton county, but lived in Lucas county until 1869, when they moved back to Fulton and in 1870 they removed to DeKalb county, Illinois. In 1872 they returned to Fulton county and located in Swan Creek. They bought timber land which he cleared, and he did carpenter work in the community. He died February 20, 1884, and she died January 20, 1894, just ten years later, and as each died at the age of fifty-eight years, he was ten years older than his wife.

By a previous marriage Mr. Mills had a son, Jefferson C., who met his death in 1882, and a daughter, Louisa, now the wife of C. C.

Quiggle, of Delta. Corwin F. Mills is the only child born to his mother. In 1879 he went to Chicago and worked six years for the Deering Harvester Company, when he returned to Swanton and lived again with his mother.

In November, 1892, Mr. Mills married Addie May Purdy. She is a daughter of Dwight and Fannie (Jinks) Purdy, and lived in Huron county. For a time they lived at the Mills homestead in Swan Creek, then bought an eighty in Fulton, where he has sixty-five acres under cultivation, the remainder in timber and pasture. He remodeled the house, rebuilt the barn and built corn crib, granary and hog house, and generally improved the place in order to make it his home for the future. For about twenty years Mr. Mills did bridge and road building contract work, but now he gives his attention to the farm and its requirements.

The Mills children are: Robert D., of Toledo; Fannie, a student in Ohio State University at Columbus; Harold, Arthur and Marion, at home with their parents. Mr. Mills has served as township trustee and for seven years he was a member of the Swanton Board of Education. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and has been through all the chairs in the Swanton Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Mills votes the republican ticket.

He began life with the equipment of a common school education, a good mind and a willingness to work, and altogether his career has been one of advancement and rise from a lower to higher positions. His home people in Swanton have repeatedly shown the degree of confidence they place in his judgment and ability.

Robert H. Vaughan. There is a good deal of common history in the Vaughan and Nobbs families, of which Robert H. Vaughan of Fulton is a representative. He was born November 9, 1862, and is in the third generation of the Vaughans in this part of the world. He is a son of Edward and Jane (Nobbs) Vaughan, and a grandson of Alexander Vaughan, who came from Ireland. The grandparents on the other side, John and Jane (Mason) Nobbs, were from England. The family ancestry on both sides was among the early settlers of Fulton county. Mrs. Jane Vaughan died in 1870, while Edward Vaughan lived more than forty years afterward.

There were four children in the family of Edward and Jane Vaughan: Robert H.; Clara, wife of Howard Wilson, of Delta; Ellis, of Fulton; and Edna, widow of Ralph Herrick, of Delta. On March 12, 1883, R. H. Vaughan married Jennie Canfield, of Delta. She is a daughter of Charles and Catharine (Scouten) Canfield, the mother a New York woman. For eight years Mr. Vaughan lived on different rented farms, then bought one in Fulton, which he improved and where he lived ten years. When he sold it he bought the farm that is his home today. There were seventy-six acres, and since then he has added ten acres to it. He has cleared, tiled and fenced the land, and has an excellent farmstead in Fulton. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Vaughan bought part of the old homestead and lived there three years, finally returning to the old home, and with a son both farms are worked together.

The children are Charles Edward, of Fulton; Lawrence Orvel, of Fulton; Dorothy May, wife of Jesse Penny, of Metamora; Bryce, of Pike; Arby Alton, Georgiana, Ray Israel, Hazel Thelma and Elvin Cecil.

This brief record of the career of one of the best known citizens

of Fulton Township shows that when opportunities have been presented Mr. Vaughan has accepted them and labored with a right good will to justify his place in the world, and though for several years he was a farm renter he has latterly been an independent farmer and farm owner, and has rendered a good account of his stewardship, whether as a farmer, homemaker or good citizen.

Irvin Louis Richards. There is New England blood in the family relationship of Irvin Louis Richards of Fulton Township. While he was born at Ai, January 6, 1870, and his father before him was born there, the grandparents were from New England. He is a son of Henry Oliver and Sarah Jane (Doren) Richards, the mother a native of Starke county. The grandfather, Ammi Richards, was born in Massachusetts, and the grandmother, Percia (Pease) Richards, was a native of Connecticut.

It was in 1835 that the original Richards family located in the domains of what later became Fulton county, and from that early date "Rock Lawn Farm" has been owned by the Richards family, and is now the home of I. L. Richards. There were 200 acres in the original entry, and it was heavily timbered country. He cleared part and sold part, and the family endured all the hardships of the pioneers. Ammi O. Richards was the first treasurer of Fulton Township, and he served the community in this capacity many years.

Thomas and Mary (Gill) Doran, the maternal ancestry of I. L. Richards, lived at Whitehouse, Lucas county. While he was a native of Ireland and she was a Pennsylvania woman. They were married in Pennsylvania and located in Ohio. When H. O. Richards married he settled at Ai, on a small farm he bought, and a brother, Benjamin F. Richards, who was a bachelor, lived with the mother. The father died June 29, 1907, the brother in April, 1917, and the mother June 14, 1918, and since I. L. Richards was the last of the family he inherited the property.

On October 24, 1900, Irvin Louis Richards married Alice Maude Pickles, of Fairfield, Michigan. She is a daughter of Edward and Ida (Tunison) Pickles. He was a New York man while she was born at Richfield, Lucas county, Ohio. While a young man Mr. Richards worked with his father and uncle as a farmer, but after the death of the parents he became owner of "Rock Lawn Farm," and lives there. There is one child, Lucille. Vivian died at three years of age.

Mr. Richards had a common school education at Ai, and from 1895 to 1913 he filled the office of clerk in Fulton township. He votes the republican ticket. He is a member of the Grange at Ai.

The substantial elements in Fulton county are nowhere better represented than by the members of the Richards family thus briefly mentioned. Eighty-five years is a long time for any family to have been identified with Fulton county, since this covers the history of the region from the days of the first openings in the wilderness. It is an encouraging record that Mr. Richards still regards it his duty and pleasure to be with the old farm where both his father and grandfather put in so many productive years.

Ellis Herbert Vaughan, of Ai, along with his parents and grandparents have been residents of Fulton county. He was born at Ai, January 2, 1868, and his father and mother were born there. He is a son of Edward and Jane (Nobbs) Vaughan. The grand-

father, Alexander Vaughan, was a native of New York. His wife was Rebecca Jones. The maternal grandparents, John and Jane (Mason) Nobbs, came from England. The family ancestry were all early residents of Fulton Township, Fulton county.

Edward and Jane Vaughan both died at Ai, she in 1872, while he died in 1911, they having lived more than three score and ten years in one community. The children are: Harvey, of Fulton; Clara, wife of Howard Wilson, of Delta; Ellis Herbert, who commemorates the family; and Edna, widow of Ralph Herrick, of Delta.

Ellis H. Vaughan married Basheba Shufelt in December, 1889, a daughter of Warren and Vira (Hamo) Shufelt, and she is a native of the community. Their children are: Grace, wife of Earl Hable, of Toledo; Vivian, of Toledo; Herman died at the age of seventeen; Frances, at home; Kenneth, who enlisted in the U. S. Cavalry; Gladys, Wilma and Anna.

Mr. Vaughan remained with his father on the home farm until 1903, when he bought an eighty and improved it. He has tiled and fenced the land and it is now all under cultivation. Mr. Vaughan is a republican in politics, and has served as a member of the local school board for six years. The family belongs to the Grange and to the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

A resident of Fulton county over fifty years, Mr. Vaughan has proved his character as a hard working and industrious farmer, and capable and public spirited citizen. He learned farming under the old school, and his most productive experiences have been in the present century, in an era of rising prices and of rising costs, and he believes that hard labor and good management are as essential to success today as at any time.

Grant Sherman Laver. When he was a young man of twenty Grant Sherman Laver of Pike began working out by the month, and he continued such activities for thirteen years, when he invested his savings in a farm of fifty acres with ordinary improvements on it. In that time he went to Leadville, Colorado, where he worked for several months in a smelter. Mr. Laver is a son of John S. and Pauline (Alwood) Laver, and he has always called Pike Township his home.

After investing his savings in land Mr. Laver has added some buildings and remodeled others. He has done a great deal of tiling, and at present he and his wife together own ninety acres, with all but ten acres under cultivation. He does general farming and has a fine Holstein dairy. Everywhere dairy farming means increased land fertility.

On November 22, 1896, Mr. Laver married Charlotte Herrick. She is a daughter of Elijah and Abigail (Allen) Herrick, and is a native of Fulton Township. They raised a boy, William Quigley. He has been with them since he was nine years old, and he was a soldier in the war of the nations. Mr. Laver votes the republican ticket. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge No. 228 of Delta.

Mr. Laver was born in Pike Township January 12, 1865, and the brief record of his life as given above indicates that while he has had some experience away from his native community he has made best use of his opportunities in the old home county, and the esteem in which he is held is largely due to his success as a farmer, his undeviating devotion to good citizenship, and the wholesome influence he has always exercised in his neighborhood.

William Mohr. When the Mohr family of which William Mohr of Fulton Township is a representative first came from Germany to America they located near Milan, Michigan. However, they were later residents of Amboy, and William Mohr was born there June 5, 1874, a son of Daniel and Ollie (Ottgen) Mohr. They were from Germany. The grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth Mohr, and Simon and Louise Ottgen, all came from Germany. They all came to the same community in the United States. When Daniel Mohr married he located in Amboy, where he died in 1915, and the widow still lives at the family homestead there.

The children born to Daniel and Ollie Mohr are: John, who died in childhood; William; Catherine, wife of Eli Kreiger, of Amboy; Andrew, of Amboy; Louise, who died at the age of ten; Fannie, wife of Robert Cook, of Amboy; Matilda, wife of Earl Dings, of Sylvania, Ohio; Hattie, wife of Eugene Lehmon, of Fulton; and there is a half sister, Mary, wife of Clarence Keller, of Stark county. She is a daughter of Mr. Mohr by a previous marriage. Mrs. Mohr later married William Cook.

On December 21, 1904, William Mohr married Ida May Myers. She is a daughter of William and Mary Jane (Everett) Myers, of Amboy. When Mr. Mohr married her she was the widow of William Kreiger. They live on a farm that was hers when they were married. The house has been remodeled, a barn has been built and he has tiled and inclosed the farm with wire fence. The house is surrounded by ornamental shrubbery and shade trees and stands on a beautiful building site—a most attractive homestead. It is their pride to have it in good condition.

Just one child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mohr—a son named Howard Emerson, who died in infancy. For three years before his marriage Mr. Mohr clerked in a general store owned by Samuel Everett. He votes the democratic ticket. He is a member of Zion Reformed Church, while Mrs. Mohr belongs to the Evangelical Church in the community.

Clarence Emanuel Wentz. There is Swiss ancestry in the history of Clarence Emanuel Wentz of Fulton Township. He was born September 8, 1868, in Seneca county, Ohio. His mother was born in Switzerland and his father in Pennsylvania. He is a son of Emanuel and Louisa (Graff) Wentz. The mother's mother died when she was but nine years old, and she was adopted into the family of Adam Andre, of German Township.

Emanuel Wentz settled in Seneca county, but in 1875 he removed with his family to Henry county. In 1885 they moved again, this time to Fulton county. He died in 1910, and Mrs. Wentz now lives in Delta. Their children are: Emma, wife of Al Curtice, of Toledo; Flora Ella, deceased; Clarence Emanuel; Frank Alvin, of Swanton, who married Nora Myers; and Wenonah, who married Edward Dow, and they live with her mother in Delta.

On December 10, 1893, C. E. Wentz married Gertrude Smith. She is a daughter of Henry and Priscilla (Morrison) Smith of Michigan. For one year they lived in Ai, and Mr. Wentz worked by the day for others. He then rented a farm, and two years later he bought a five-acre tract without improvements, going into debt for the property. Mr. Wentz borrowed $100 when he was ready to build the house. He went into the woods, bought trees and cut them into logs, hauled them to the mill alone, and after they were

sawed into lumber he hired a carpenter for fourteen days to help build the house. With that exception he did all the work himself. He hewed out the frame and sills alone.

Mr. Wentz has added to the land until he now has fifty-six acres of well improved tilled land under cultivation. He still has four acres in timber for shade and pasture. He is in the farm and live-stock business, and he specializes in White Leghorn poultry.

The Wentz children are: Lawrence, of Shepherd, Michigan, married Jessie Cornell, and they have two children: Robert and Lavier; Sylvia is the wife of Albert Curry, of Marlinton, West Virginia, and they have one son, Albert, Jr.; those at home are: Cora, Flossie, Archie, Pollena, Maggie, Arabelle, Philip and Dale Franklin. The Wentz family belongs to the Ancient Order of Gleaners at Ai.

Eugene D. Watkins is a native of Fulton Township, where he was born September 30, 1861, a son of Christopher M. and Catharine (Drumm) Watkins. The father came from Wayne county, Ohio, while the mother was born near Hamburg, Germany. She was seven years old when she came with her father, Adam Drumm, to America. They first lived in Pennsylvania before coming to Fulton county. John Watkins, the other grandfather, was also a resident of Fulton county.

Christopher M. Watkins and Catharine Drumm were married in Swan Creek, but later they located in Fulton. He died in 1906 and she died three years later. Their children are: Eugene D., Addie, deceased, who was the wife of Isaiah T. Fashbaugh; and Lela, who died at two years of age.

Christopher M. Watkins conducted a hotel business in Delta from 1868 until 1892, when he traded one-half interest in the property for a farm of sixty acres in Fulton Township. When the parents died there Eugene Watkins came into possession of the farm and has since lived there. In 1884 he married Ella M. Shufelt, daughter of A. Shufelt. There is one son, Charles C. Watkins. Mr. Watkins is married a second time, to Lizzie M. Freed.

Amos Bower. The Bower family of which Amos Bower of Fulton is a representative, has had a migratory history. He is a son of John C. and Dora Barbara (Heminger) Bower, and was born February 24, 1864, at Burgoon, Sandusky county. The parents were born in Germany. When they were young they came to Tiffin, Ohio, where they were married, and they settled at Fostoria. For five years John C. Bower worked for the Foster family—the father of Governor Foster.

When J. C. Bower left the employ of the Foster family he moved to a farm in Sandusky county, where he remained four years, and then he moved to Seneca county. After seven years on the Seneca county farm he returned to Sandusky county. He bought a farm in Sandusky, but eight years later he sold it and moved to Wood county. In Wood county he bought another place of seventy-eight acres, and he lived on it eighteen years. When he sold it he bought a smaller place, where he died in 1911, his wife having died June 20, 1876. The children are: John C., Jr., of Rising Sun, Ohio; Sophia, deceased, was the wife of George Roush; Frederick G., of Eden, Oklahoma; Lucy, wife of O. D. Wirt, of Wood county; William, of Ottawa, Kansas; Amos; and Mary Ellen, of Rising Sun, Ohio.

For three years Amos Bower worked on farms by the month, and

he worked one year at the cooper's trade. On December 7, 1893, he married Flora Girton, of Perry Township, Wood county. She is a daughter of David K. and Rebekah (Fast) Girton, the father from Pennsylvania and the mother from Ashland county. For a while he resided on and farmed land owned by his father in Wood county, but he soon rented an adjoining farm and moved onto it. For a while he lived in Perry Township, Wood county, then eighteen months later he returned to his father's place. Three years later he removed to Paulding county, where he bought a small farm of sixty acres. He lived there seven years, and in 1907 he bought the seventy-eight acre farm where he now lives in Fulton Township. There are sixty acres cleared and Mr. Bower has added many improvements to it. He is engaged in general farming and the livestock business. He operates a farm dairy.

There are three children: Carl, Alta and Twila Loretta. While living in Paulding county Mr. Bower served four years as member of the school board. He is a republican in politics. The family are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners of Ai. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at one time and another he has served as treasurer, trustee and steward. Not many families live in as many different localities as have Amos Bower and his father, John C. Bower.

Adam Habel, of the Maples in Fulton Township, was born in Amboy January 1, 1857, and all of his life has been spent in Fulton county. His parents, Jacob and Mary Elizabeth (Mohr) Habel, were born in Germany. They came to Fulton county in an early day and settled in Amboy, where the father died in February, 1867. The mother became the wife of Jacob Leiber, who died in 1907. and she died in November, 1916.

The Habel children are: William, who died at six, and Mary, who died at thirteen, and were older than Adam. Another sister, Amelia, died at the age of eight years. The Leiber children are: Peter, of Fulton Township; Carrie deceased; Amedia, wife of George Rechner, and John, who died at the age of six.

In February, 1886, Adam Habel married Minnie Fisher, a daughter of Jacob Fisher, of Massillon, Starke county. From the time he was twenty-one years old Mr. Habel worked by the month on a farm and at the carpenter trade, but after his marriage he bought a place in Amboy, and lived there until 1913, when he bought an eighty acre tract in Fulton, with about one-fourth of it yet in wood land. Aside from farming he owns and operates a threshing machine in the community.

The children are Clarence, of Amboy; Philip, of Seattle, Washington; Isabelle, wife of Frank Kreeger, of Amboy: Pearl, wife of William Smith, of Fulton; Lillie, wife of Walter Gifford, of Akron, Ohio; Rosetta, of Akron, and Otto, Ruth, Anna and Carl.

Mr. Habel is a member of the German Reformed Church, and has been one of its trustees many years. He has been a member of the school board for thirty years, and for two years he was its president.

A farm hand, master of a mechanical trade, giving good service to others and keenly pursuing his own advantages, Adam Habel has a record that places him among the valued citizens of Fulton Township. He regards his life as still in the prime, and there are none to begrudge him the prosperity represented in the ownership of the

Maples Farm, and the satisfaction derived from his part as a working citizen in behalf of church and schools and other community projects.

Robert D. Miller. There is a great satisfaction in knowing that one's life efforts have resulted in something, and that the future is assured because of wise foresight and thrifty investments. Experience is teaching this country that no other form of investment of time and money makes any more satisfactory returns than that made in farming. Every penny invested in land and its improvements and each hour of toil are productive not only of a living but of property interests that grow more valuable each year. One of the substantial men of Fulton county who has proven all this to his own satisfaction and to that of his neighbors is Robert D. Miller, of Pike Township.

Robert D. Miller was born in Richland county, Ohio, December 25, 1867, a son of Anthony Wayne and Electa J. (Wilson) Miller, natives of Ashland and Richland counties, Ohio, respectively. The parental grandparents were Jacob and Fannie (White) Miller, he being a native of Pennsylvania, and the maternal grandparents were Robert and Humility (Lockhart) Wilson, both being of Scotch-Irish descent. These grandparents all moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio at a very early day.

After their marriage Anthony W. Miller and his wife located in Richland county, Ohio, where they spent two years. They then moved to Ashland county, Ohio, leaving that section in 1881 for Pike Township, Fulton county, where Anthony W. Miller bought eighty acres of land, then in an unimproved state, and he went to work to develop it, remaining on it until 1904, when he bought a fine property in Dover township, where he is now living, being eighty years old. His wife also survives and is seventy-five years old. Their children are two who are living, the second child, Minnie, being deceased. Robert D., is the eldest of the family, and William is also a farmer of Pike Township.

Robert D. Miller was reared in Pike Township and attended its district schools. On May 31, 1903, he was united in marriage with Ella Guilford, born in Dover Township, a daughter of Lucian and Hattie (Graves) Guilford, natives of the State of New York and Licking county, Ohio. After his marriage Mr. Miller worked as a carpenter and lived in Wauseon, Ohio, for a year, and then moved on his father's old farm in Pike Township, of which he had owned forty acres for several years. He also owns forty acres of land in another part of Pike Township, which touch each other on the corners, and all but six acres of the eighty acres are under cultivation. Mr. Miller has made a number of improvements on his land, and is proud of the fact that he still retains the six acres of woodland, which is heavily timbered, realizing its worth not only to him, but to the community at large in these days when so much of the natural growth has been removed. Here he is profitably engaged in general farming, stock raising and dairying.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of two children, namely: Wayne G., who was born in September, 1905, and Dorr R., who was born in February, 1918. In 1916 Mr. Miller was appointed a trustee of Pike Township, and has held that office ever since. He is a strong republican, and since 1914 has been a member of the Fulton County Fair Board, his present term expiring in 1922. In his fraternal affiliations he belongs to the Gleaners, and has passed almost all of the chairs in that order. A man of dependable character, Mr.

Miller stands well in his community, and his constituents are glad to have him represent them in the several capacities to which they elected him, knowing that their interests will be safeguarded as long as he has them in charge. Mr. Miller now resides in Wauseon.

JOHN J. LEITNER. It is a somewhat remarkable fact that the majority of the men, especially those of the older generation, who are engaged in farming have spent their lives in this line of work. In other walks of life men are prone to change their occupations several times before they find out the calling best fitted for them, but once he becomes interested in farming a man is not liable to go into anything else, for if he is sensible he realizes that there is no other business in which he can be so independent and from which he can not only gain a living but at the same time increase the value of his holdings. One of the men who became occupied along this important line in Fulton county is John J. Leitner, of York Township.

John J. Leitner was born at Liberty Center, Henry county, Ohio, on September 21, 1862, a son of Jacob and Marie (McCracken) Leitner, natives of Pennsylvania. The parental grandparents, John and Sarah (Edwards) Leitner, were born in Pennsylvania, but came to Seneca county, Ohio, about 1841 or 1842, and there he died. David McCracken, the maternal grandfather, was a native of the north of Ireland, and he became one of the very early settlers of Seneca county, Ohio.

After their marriage Jacob Leitner and his wife located at Liberty Center, Henry county, Ohio, where he worked at his trade of coopering, but later he bought a tract of land and lived on it for ten years, when he returned to Liberty Center. In the fall of 1882 he came to Fulton county, Ohio, and bought land in Swan Creek Township. His wife died in December, 1867, and he was married then to her half sister, Mary McCracken, who lived at Liberty Center. His second wife died in May, 1887, and he married for his third wife Mrs. Matilda Clark. Jacob Leitner died on February 3, 1909. By his first marriage he had the following children: David, who lives at Liberty Center; Julius, who lives at Beavertown, Michigan; Abitha, who is Mrs. Evans, of Toledo, Ohio; and John, who was the youngest. The children of his second marriage were: Jane, who is Mrs. John Gordon, of Minnesota; Charles, who is a resident of Detroit, Michigan; May, who was Mrs. Emory Nutt, of Detroit, Michigan, died in 1916; Harriet, who became Mrs. Edward Schlagel, of Washington, District of Columbia, is deceased; Grace, who was Mrs. Sherman Whitmore, of Delta, Ohio, and Howard, who died in October, 1916. There were no children by the third marriage. The third Mrs. Leitner survived her husband until September 21, 1911.

Until he was twelve years old John Leitner remained at home, but at that early age began working for neighboring farmers by the month, and continued to do so until his marriage, which occurred on July 25, 1886, when he was united with Mina Pontious, born in York Township, a daughter of Isaac M. and Hannah (Slack) Pontious, natives of Pickaway and Fulton counties. Jacob and Matilda (Grist) Pontious, the paternal grandparents, were born in Ohio, while the maternal grandparents, Philip and Hannah (Wright) Slack, were pioneers of Fulton county. For two years subsequent to his marriage Mr. Leitner rented a farm and then moved to Swan Creek Township and spent a season there. Then, in 1892, he bought 100 acres of land in York Township, where he has since resided. In it he has erected all of the present buildings and made other val-

uable improvements, and here he carried on general farming and dairying, his herd numbering from eight to ten cows of the Holstein strain. Mr. Leitner moved to Wauseon in November, 1919, having purchased the property at 429 East Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leitner became the parents of the following children; Estella, who is Mrs. Fred Vollmer, of York Township; Ora, who lives in Clinton Township, married Bessie Williams, and they have a daughter, Fern; Laura, who is Mrs. Cecil Miller, of Wauseon, Ohio; Howard D., who is a farmer of York Township, married Ruby Swigart, and Floyd K. and John Archie, both of whom are at home. In politics Mr. Leitner is a republican, but he has not aspired to public office as his time has been too fully occupied with his farm duties. Both he and Mrs. Leitner stand very well in their neighborhood and are worthy of the confidence which they inspire.

Louis N. Pilliod. The Pilliod Lumber Company, organized July 8, 1902, succeeded the firm of L. N. Pilliod & Brother, who established the business in Swanton, taking over the Swanton Manufacturing Company. Since 1909 the company has discontinued the sale of lumber and has engaged in the manufacture of tool chests. The boiler blew up and destroyed the sawmill end of the business, and when the firm rebuilt they engaged exclusively in the manufacture of cabinets. In 1913 the factory burned, but it has since been rebuilt and cabinets are manufactured again.

Louis N. Pilliod, now identified with the business interests of Swanton, was born at Napoleon, Ohio, May 24, 1859, a son of Augustin and Amelia (Harris) Pilliod. His father came from France while his mother was born at Genesee Flats, New York. When his parents married they located at Napoleon, later moving to Swanton. They lie buried at Swanton. Their children are: Louis N.; Augustin, of Grand Rapids; Charles J., of Toledo; F. E., of Swanton; Henry J., of Portland, Oregon; Mary Eugenia, deceased; and Cornelia, wife of Edward Hill, of Swanton.

When Louis N. Pilliod was eighteen years old he started the milling business in Toledo. From there he went to Holgate in the milling and hotel business, and from there he came to Swanton. In partnership with two brothers he bought a grist mill and operated it until 1898, when they divided their business and he started the lumber business in Swanton. L. N. Pilliod was president; Lillian Pilliod, vice president; Thomas J. Pilliod, treasurer, and Lawrence L. Pilliod, secretary.

L. N. Pilliod was married first in August, 1886, to Emma Hill, and they had one child, Thomas J. In July, 1891, Mr. Pilliod was married to Lillian Mabry, and they have four children: Lawrence L., Esther Lucille, Agnes L. and Edmund D.

Until he was ten years old L. N. Pilliod attended public school, and then he had two years in Catholic parochial school before going to Notre Dame University for three years. He is a member of the Swanton Board of Education and of the Swanton Town Council. He is chairman of the Board of Public Works of Swanton. Mr. Pilliod holds membership in the Order of the Knights of Columbus in Toledo. The Pilliod name will always be identified with the business interest of Swanton.

Abner D. Baker. The native heath of Abner D. Baker, of Swanton is in Knox county. He was born there in March, 1861, and some of his ancestors were early settlers there. He is a son of

Samuel and Lydia (DeHaven) Baker, the father from Morrison's Cove, Pennsylvania, and the mother from Richland county, Ohio. The grandfather, Andrew Baker, came in an early day to Knox county. The DeHaven ancestry, Joseph and Catharine (Free) DeHaven, were early settlers in Richland county. It was in Richland county that Samuel Baker married Lydia DeHaven, and they located in Knox county.

Samuel Baker was born in 1833 and his wife in 1842. He was a miller by trade, and they later lived in Lucas county. Their children are: Abner D. Baker, of Swanton, who relates the family history, and Mary, wife of Charles Kelsey, of Lucas county.

Abner D. Baker had a common school education, and when he was twenty-three years old he went to Akron, Ohio, and worked as a machinist in a machine shop. From there he went to Erie, Pennsylvania, and worked one year in the Erie City Iron Works, later going to Detroit, where he worked in the Frontier Iron Works three months. At this time he returned to Lucas county and started a repair shop on his father's farm in the country. He conducted a prosperous business there for many years, and in 1895 he opened a similar shop in Swanton.

He conducted the Swanton business as a repair shop until 1901, when it was incorporated under the name of the A. D. Baker Company, and he engaged in the manufacture of traction engines. He had already built five engines as a personal business enterprise before he organized the stock company. The A. D. Baker Company now conducts an extensive business at Swanton, with all the departments of a modern machine shop and factory. The average number of men on the pay roll is one hundred, with eight men employed in the office.

The A. D. Baker Company has had satisfactory business expansion under the management of John Chrisman, president; A. D. Baker, vice president; Charles Chrisman, treasurer, and F. E. Pilliod, secretary. There are nine stockholders in the board of directors. The A. D. Baker Company is a valuable adjunct to the business interests of Swanton and community.

In April, 1886, A. D. Baker married Ella Berkebile. She was a Lucas county woman, a daughter of Levan and Mary (Farmer) Berkebile, the father a Pennsylvanian, who came to Lucas county. They have one son, Louis R. Baker, who is the mechanical engineer of the company. He married Ethel West, of Ontario, Canada. They have one daughter, Lillis. The Bakers vote the republican ticket.

The Baker locomotive valve gear was patented by A. D. Baker, August 20, 1912, and together with F. E. Pilliod he began the manufacture of it. A stock company was later formed in Swanton, called the Pilliod Company, and Mr. Baker is a stockholder in it. He is also a stockholder in the Swanton Milling and Elevator Company. Mr. Baker is an active man in the Swanton business community.

Jacob Schug. The name Schug dates back to Germany, the parents of Jacob Schug, of Amboy, having come from Germany to America when they were young. Peter and Catharine (Mohr) Schug both came to the United States in 1842, and they were married June 9, 1861, and they bought a tract of land in the timber in Amboy. Here Jacob Schug was born, April 3, 1862, and he has always lived in Amboy except for temporary absence, when he was working as a painter.

Peter Schug, who brought the name to America, started with the

purchase of forty acres, and he soon added twenty, and later he bought eighty-one acres of partly improved land, and now all of it is cleared and under cultivation. He was born in 1834 in Germany, and passed away January 23, 1920. His wife was born in 1832 in Germany, and she died in 1914 at the family homestead. Their children are: Jacob, who enrolls the family; Peter, of Fulton; Margaret, wife of Gottlieb Eckert, of Pike, and Samuel, of Pike.

Jacob Schug resided with his parents on the farm until he was twenty years old, when he went to Toledo and worked as a painter in the Wabash car shops for six years. From Toledo he went to Portsmouth, Virginia, where he worked as a painter six years and the last four years he was foreman in the car shops paint department. When he returned to the old homestead in Amboy he followed house painting for eight years. When he started farming again he worked by the day, but in 1914 he took charge of the Schug farmstead. He now resides in Swanton.

On May 3, 1914, Jacob Schug married Bertha H. Foster. She is a daughter of Daniel C. and Henrietta (Shreve) Foster, and was born in Fulton Township. The father came from Starke and the mother from Huron county. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Schug was Mrs. Bertha Foster Schug. She was the widow of John, a deceased brother of Jacob Schug. There is one son, Gerald Vincent.

The Schugs are members of the Reformed Church. They vote the democratic ticket. Jacob Schug holds membership in the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Portsmouth, Virginia. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the National Union of Toledo.

Daniel E. Carroll. There is a Lucas county side to the family history of Daniel E. Carroll, of Pleasant Place Farm, in Fulton Township. He was born April 8, 1865, in Spencer Township, Lucas county. The Carroll history there dates back to 1844, when his father, Jeremiah Carroll, located at Maumee. "It's a long, long way to Tipperary," but Jeremiah Carroll was born in Tipperary county, Ireland. He married Mary A. Dowling in Fulton Township, and they settled in Spencer Township, Lucas county. They had three sons: Frank and Henry, of Spencer Township, Lucas county, and Daniel E. Carroll, of Fulton, who relates the family history.

D. E. Carroll attended school at Old Swanton and the Toledo Business College. When he was twenty-five years old Mr. Carroll went to Toledo and worked for three years, although for two years before that he had taught school in Metamora. September 15, 1894, Mr. Carroll married Mary Zenk, in Spencer Township, although she was born in Richfield Township. She is a daughter of George and Catharine (Dutch) Zenk. The father was born in Germany, but the mother is an Ohio woman.

The first year after he was married Mr. Carroll lived in a log cabin in Amboy Township, remaining there about five years, when he traded for eighty acres of unimproved land in Fulton Township, which he cleared, and aside from thirty acres of wood land it is in a high state of cultivation. He erected a modern brick farm house and has all the up-to-date conveniences in it. While he does general farming he has registered Poland China hogs, Holstein cattle and Shropshire sheep.

The Carroll children are: Clarence, in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was in the Sixth Regiment of machine guns in

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France and Germany. Homer, Arvilla and Jerome are at home with their parents. The family are Catholics and members of the church at Caraghar. Mr. Carroll has been a member of the School Board for many years. He has introduced a co-operative plan among his children in taking care of the family exchequer and expenses. He is independent in politics. He is a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio, and of the Knights of Columbus.

For three-quarters of a century the name Carroll has been identified with northwestern Ohio, and in Fulton county Daniel E. Carroll has exhibited those qualities of enterprise which has taken him from one progressive stage to another until he owns a fine home, a valuable farm, and as a stock breeder, farmer and citizen has served to make his family name widely known over Fulton county.

Louis I. Walter. Since 1887 the Walter family history, of which Louis I. Walter, of Fulton Township, is a representative, has been in Fulton county. He is a son of George and Hattie E. (Jefferson) Walter, and was born March 27, 1875, at Milan, Erie county. The father was a native of Huron and the mother of Erie county. The Jefferson grandparents, Oresamus and Sarah (McCann) Jefferson, were residents of New York.

When George Walter was married he settled in Erie county, but in 1887 he removed to Fulton county. L. I. Walter was twelve when as a child he came to Fulton county. The father died in December, 1917, and the mother in the following May. Their children are: Louis I. and Fred B., of Toledo.

On February 19, 1895, L. I. Walter married Fannie E. Enfield. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Shank) Enfield, and lived in Pike Township. Her father came from Holmes county, while her mother was born in Fulton county. For thirteen years they lived on one farm and for six years on another, when they bought their present home, and they have added to the improvements until they are modern and comfortable. Mr. Walter does general farming and has a fine Holstein dairy.

In the Walter family there is one son, Lynn, born August 21, 1896. Mr. Walter is a republican and has twice been elected trustee of Fulton Township. The family belongs to the Ancient Order of Gleaners of Ai, and Mr. Walter has served as conductor.

Asahel Albert Powers, proprietor of the Fountain Valley Farm in Gorham Township, is one of the veterans of Fulton county agriculture. His part was not so much that routine cultivation as it was actual pioneer development work. Mr. Powers when a young man used the strength of his body to cut down the timber and clear many an acre of good land in Northern Ohio. He did more than his individual share of that strenuous work, and his capital and enterprise have been means of developing several other farms. Mr. Powers is an extensive land owner, though in recent years he has turned over the labors of the fields and the responsibilities of management to younger shoulders.

Mr. Powers was born in Chesterfield Township July 26, 1847, son of Peter and Julia (Kennedy) Powers. His mother was a native of Berkshire, Massachusetts. His father was born at Batavia, Genesee county, New York, in 1819, son of Peter and Eurena (Clark) Powers, the former a native of Seneca county, New York, and the latter of Elba, Genesee county. Peter Powers, Sr., was at one time sheriff of Genesee county. The junior Peter Powers came to Chesterfield

Township at a very early date. His first purchase was forty acres of timber land, which cost him only two hundred dollars. In course of time he owned over five hundred acres in this section of Ohio, and much of it was cultivated and productive of crops. Peter Powers was twice married, and by his first wife had a son, Henry, who died while a soldier in Company H of the Third Ohio Infantry, at Lebanon, Kentucky, in 1862. Peter Powers died in September, 1894. Of the children of his second marriage Asahel Albert was the oldest. Sarah Amelia is the deceased wife of Byron Brink. James A. lives in Fulton county. Mary E. is the wife of Henry Russell, of Chesterfield Township. John F. died in Chesterfield in 1918. Clark W. and William P. L. are both residents of Chesterfield. Julia Etta is the wife of Estell Beck, of Gorham Township, while Frank B. resides at Morenci, Michigan.

Asahel Albert Powers has some interesting recollections of Fulton county as it was seventy years ago. Some of his most interesting experiences as a boy were when he stayed with his grandparents Kennedy in Chesterfield Township. On more than one occasion while at the Kennedy home he saw Indians passing along the trail, and the sight of them would frighten him so that he would run and hide behind his grandmother's skirts. That old Indian trail is one of the landmarks of Fulton county. The present Hoosier motor highway, a popular route for automobilists, follows largely the same course of the trail between Toledo and Fort Wayne. Mr. Powers had only a common school education, but made good use of his opportunities, and early learned to respect the power of hard work as a means of advancement. He worked at home, also did farm work at monthly wages, and after his marriage in 1872 he moved to an eighty-acre tract of swamp land. Very little of this could be cultivated, since it was covered with brush and timber, but every subsequent season he was able to put a larger area into crops. There he laid the foundation of his business as a farmer and land owner. He increased his homestead to the extent of 240 acres. He also owned eighty acres at another place in Gorham Township, another tract of 173 acres in the same township, 80 acres in Lenawee county, Michigan, 90 acres in Williams county, Ohio, all of which constituted him something of a capitalist in land. The homestead farm and eighty acres besides he cleared mainly through his own exertions, but the other parcels of land mentioned he bought already improved. Mr. Powers continued in the fields and in the management of his home place until 1918, when he turned it over to his son. The farm known as Fountain Valley farm is one of the most valuable and productive in the entire county.

Mr. Powers has always been public spirited, and as supervisor of roads and school director has given the benefit of his influence in behalf of better highways and good schools. He has always been a republican in politics.

On April 11, 1872, he married Julia Sutton, who was born in Williams county, Ohio. She died August 16, 1874, and her only child, Julius, died in infancy. On February 22, 1875, Mr. Powers married Elizabeth Smith. She was born in Richland county, Ohio, September 27, 1845, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Perrin) Smith. Her father was a native of Switzerland. Mrs. Powers' first husband was William T. Wood. She is the mother of two children by that marriage: Lenora, Mrs. Jerry Hicker, of Fayette, Ohio, and Mary Almina; wife of Frank Powers, of Morenci, Michigan. To Mr. and

Mrs. Powers were born six children: Davis, farming his father's place in Gorham Township; Leulla, Mrs. John Heimbishner, of Williams county; Arvilla, Mrs. Lansing Burnham, of Gorham Township; Grace, wife of William Shaffer, of Lenawee county, Michigan; Leola, who died at the age of twenty-six, leaving two daughters; and Beryl B., wife of Burr Ford, a merchant at Powers, Ohio.

William David Clifton. "Back to the farm" was the call heard by William David Clifton, of Fulton Township, after he had been in business for a while in Wauseon. Mr. Clifton was born near Bowling Green, April 15, 1868, his parents having come to Wood county from England. He is a son of John and Elizabeth A. (Burnham) Clifton.

When he was twenty-two years old John L. Clifton came from England to the United States. He had been a butcher in England, but when he located in Wood county he became a farmer. Before locating in Ohio Mr. Clifton was a butcher aboard ship and went twice around the world as a ship butcher. His parents were dead when he left England. George and Mary Burnham, the maternal grandparents, also came from England and located in Toledo. He had been a butcher in England.

John L. Clifton and Elizabeth Burnham lived for many years near Bowling Green, when they traded their forty acre farm there and acquired 260 acres in Freedom Township, Henry county. They died in Henry county. Their children are: Robert, deceased; Clara, deceased; Rose Ellen, wife of Martin Hoover, of Henry county; George L., of Wauseon; Alice M., wife of J. J. Leininger, of Wauseon; Elizabeth, wife of W. A. Mohr, of York, and William David, the youngest of the family, who relates the family history.

On October 26, 1892, W. D. Clifton married Aletha Gasche, of Clinton, a daughter of George and Esther (Dickerson) Gasche, some of the family living in German Township. For seven years they lived on the old homestead in Henry county. When it was sold they bought another farm in Fulton Township. While it was all cleared and well improved, Mr. Clifton has remodeled and added to the buildings until he has a desirable rural residence. In November, 1918, he rented the farm and removed to Wauseon, where he bought and butchered livestock, shipping to the Toledo market, the business of his ancestry, but a year later he returned to Fulton Township and the farm.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton are: John L., of Amboy; Mabel, wife of Frank Estel, of Fulton; Harold, Marjorie and Helen. Mr. Clifton has been trustee of Fulton and a member of the Township Board of Education. He is a republican and a member of Berry Grange at Ai. It only required a short residence in Wauseon to convince Mr. Clifton that farming suited him better than butchering and shipping livestock.

Perdy Cole. While the grandfather, David Cole, came from Paulding county to Fulton county in its early history, the parents of Perdy Cole, of Fulton Township, are natives of Fulton county. He is in the third generation of Coles and was born August 25, 1875, a son of Simon and Julie E. (McCaskey) Cole, the McCaskeys having come from Michigan. The mother is a daughter of Jonathan and Catharine McCaskey, of Lenawee county. The grandparents were all early residents of Fulton county.

Simon Cole first settled in Pike township, but he later traded for

a farm in Fulton. He died there in 1884, but Mrs. Cole still lives at the old homestead. Their children are: Anna, wife of John Shrock, of Elwood, Indiana; Miles, of Monroe, Michigan, and Perdy, who is the youngest of the family, at the old homestead. For a time he was away and returned and now owns the old farm of seventy acres, with sixty acres under cultivation.

In August, 1899, Mr. Cole married Alta Trumbull, of Lucas county. She is a daughter of Rufus and Alice Y. (Files) Trumbull. Their children are: Luida, Lawrence, Arthur, Julia (deceased), Ernest, Oliver, Russell, Robert and Earl. Mr. Cole attended district school and Mrs. Cole attended high school in Springfield. They belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and he votes with the republicans. A nephew, Carl Trumbull, was in the navy sixteen months and made seven round trips to France in the convoy service in the World war.

Mr. Cole found duties and responsibilites ready at hand when he reached mature years, and the outstanding feature of his career is the fidelity with which he has discharged his obligations and the industrious and intelligent management he has displayed in the handling of the old homestead. His name is properly associated with the most progressive element in the farming district of Fulton Township.

Harley J. Miller is a well-known resident of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and a prosperous and representative farmer of the county, and comes of a family which deserves a good place in the history of the district. His grandparents were pioneer settlers of a section of Fulton county; in fact, they were in the section of York Township before it even was part of Fulton county. The Miller family was the second white family to take up residence in York Township, and John Miller, grandfather of Harley J., has the distinction of having been a member of the first jury formed in Henry county, Ohio, in which county York Township then was. John and Rebecca (Wright) Miller, the pioneer, entered government land in the section, and lived upon it for the remainder of their lives, clearing it gradually and enduring resolutely and cheerfully all the privations of pioneering life. George Miller, son of John and Rebecca (Wright) Miller, and father of Harley J., was born in Seneca county, Ohio, and came with his parents when they took up government land in York Township, and there he lived for the remainder of his life. He married Ellen Leist, daughter of David Leist, and after marriage settled on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 10, of York Township, where they lived for very many years, and raised a large family. Mrs. Ellen (Leist) Miller was a good mother and of a kind-hearted, hospitable nature, and she had many friends of long standing in the township. She died in June, 1897. Her husband, however, lived for another twelve years, until November, 1909, he being then seventy-one years old. Their children were: Mary, who married H. C. Miley, of Finley, Ohio; Stanton, who died at the age of forty-two years; Harley J., of whose life more will be written; Charles, who now lives in Henry county, Ohio; Lucy, who married Charles Whiteman, of Napoleon, Ohio; Blanche, who married Louis Spiess, of Swan Creek Township.

Harley J., son of George and Ellen (Leist) Miller, was born in the parental homestead, section 10, of York Township, Fulton county, in February, 1876, and in due course attended the district school of the township. Even as a boy he manifested earnest purpose, and

after passing through the district school he matriculated at the Fayette Normal School. He was not, however, able to stay in that school for more than five months. Returning home, he devoted himself wholly to farm work, associating with his father in the operation of the home farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years old, when he married, and soon thereafter took upon himself the responsibility of independent farming. At the outset he rented a farm, continuing as a tenant farmer for three years, when he was able to purchase a small farm, one of thirty-five acres, in section 9 of York Township, only twelve acres of which had been cleared. He managed to prosper, notwithstanding the small acreage, and in course of time was able to acquire aditional acreage, until he was the owner of a well-balanced agricultural estate of eighty acres, of which twenty-seven acres are in timber, but useful in pasturing. Mr. Miller has applied himself diligently to agriculture, and by skillful farming has reached a comfortable state, having a good property which yields very satisfactory returns. He has always been prudent in his farming, following the general line, and has had much success in stock raising, cattle, hogs and horses.

Personally Mr. Miller is a man of strong principle, upright and God-fearing. He has been a church worker throughout his manhood years, and has maintained an active interest in Sunday school work. He is an active member of the Christian Union Bethel Church, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school of that church for many years. In very many ways he has shown himself to be characteristically strong—in his manhood occupations, in his private life, and in his political activities. He has for years been a stanch prohibitionist, and was fearless in its advocacy long before it became of popular interest.

In February, 1897, he married Sophrona, daughter of Christian and Charlotta (Schlegel) Biery, of a well-known York Township family. His wife is also a native of York Township, and they have both taken active part in almost all phases of the affairs of that community, in which they are both well regarded as good neighbors and reliable, useful citizens.

Michael W. Harms, an enterprising and respected farmer of York Township, Fulton county, has to his credit much pioneering work, although not in Fulton county; and he has in American history greater credit for himself, in that, although himself of German birth, he sent both of his sons into the fighting forces of the United States to do their utmost for America in the recent war with Germany. He has during his life shown a commendable public spirit, has actively interested himself in educational matters, and has taken part in civic administration.

Michael W. Harms, was born near Berlin, Germany, in the vicinity of Greisvalt, on April 4, 1859, the son of John and Augusta (Meyer) Harms. He was only an infant when his parents came to the United States, and settled at Homestead Falls, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, two years later moving into Henry county, Ohio, where John Harms died in February, 1919, and where his widow still resides. Their son, Michael W., was not able to obtain much academic schooling in his youth. The primitive facilities of the country schools in the section of Henry county in which he lived were all that were possible to him, and from the age of eleven years his time was practically given to farming occupations, he even as a boy working for monthly wages on neighboring farms. He con-

tinued so employed until he was twenty-one years old, when he married, and took upon himself the responsibilities of independent farming. He bought a forty acre tract in Freedom Township, Henry county, where they lived for several years. It was all in timber, but eventually he cleared it, and sold the farm to advantage. He then purchased another farm of fifty acres in Freedom and Ridgeville townships, Henry county, the house and buildings being in the latter township. Four years later he sold the farm, and bought a third timbered property in Freedom Township, and there the family lived for many years, eventually, however, selling it, and moving to a nearby farm of eighty acres, where they lived for three years, which brought them to the time when they came into York Township, having sold their eighty-acre farm in Freedom Township, and purchased a well-improved farm of seventy acres in section 17 of York Township, Fulton county. There the family has since lived, and there Mr. Harms has had good success in general farming, dairying, and stock raising. Characteristically Mr. Harms is a man of abundant energy. His father was among the pioneers of Henry county, and he has himself cleared three forty-acre tracts of timber land, thus bringing into fertility a substantial acreage of wild land. When the family first went into Henry county there were no roads at all, everything was wilderness, heavy virgin timber. The condition of that county in these days is a testimonial to the pioneering spirit of such men as Michael W. Harms and his father.

Politically Mr. Harms is a democrat, and he has followed local affairs interestedly. He has served his community as supervisor of roads, and has also been school director. Religiously he is a Congregationalist, a consistent Christian.

In December, 1880, he married Ida E. Lindley, who was born in Ridgeville Township, Henry county, Ohio, December 12, 1859, daughter of Josiah B. and Nancy (Durkee) Lindley, who were born in Lorain county, Ohio. She comes of an old colonial Vermont family, her grandparents, Owel and Betsy E. (Terry) Durkee, having been born in that state. Michael and Ida E. (Lindley) Harms are the parents of four children: Maude, who married Ezra Rychener, of Clinton Township; Mabel, who married Frank Hoffman, of Freedom Township, Henry county, Ohio; Ralph M., who has applied himself to the many duties of the home farm, is a veteran of the World war, and gave good service in France with an artillery unit, eventually receiving honorable discharge; and Raymond, also now at home, and also a veteran of the World war, his war service being in the naval forces, and he is yet in reserve subject to call. This is a creditable service to the nation by one family, representing as it does all that they could possibly have served.

The Harms family are well regarded in York Township, especially by their near neighbors, being reliable and hospitable.

Theophilus Aeschliman, a well-to-do retired farmer, now living in York Township, and well-known in German Township, comes of one of the old families of the county.

He is the son of Christian and Fannie (Fry) Aeschliman, who were pioneer residents in German Township. Christian Aeschliman was born in Switzerland, but his wife was of French birth and ancestry. They came to America, and for a while lived in Wayne county, Ohio, and eventually entered a tract of government land in German

Township, Fulton county. It was all in timber, and the surroundings were wild. There was an old log cabin upon the place, and it had evidently been used as a stable, but in that hut Christian Aeschliman and his wife had to make their abode for a while. He was a typical pioneer, and resolutely applied himself to the great task of clearing his property of timber. Eventually he owned 160 acres, most of which he cleared, and upon which he erected adequate out-buildings, and a commodious, comfortable residence. He died in about 1886, but his wife lived a widowhood of more than twenty years, her death not coming until the fall of 1909. They were the parents of twelve children: Pollie, now deceased; Katie, deceased; Joel, deceased; Leah, who married David Krepf, and now lives in Schuyler county, Missouri; Jonathan, deceased; Rebecca, now living in Clinton Township, Fulton county; Nathaniel, also of Clinton Township; Levina, who married Andrew Vonier, of Jasper county, Missouri; Theophilus, regarding whom more follows; Emmaline, who now lives in Schuyler county, Missouri; Eli, now a resident in Wauseon, Ohio; and Eliza, who married Christian Summer, but is now deceased. Eli and Eliza were twins.

Theophilus, ninth child of Christian and Fannie (Fry) Aeschliman, was born in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on April 17, 1861, and was reared under somewhat primitive conditions that obtained in the township at that time. He attended the district school, and after leaving school took good part in the work of the home farm. He was almost twenty-two years old when he married, and for two years thereafter he and his wife lived in the log cabin on his father's property. During that time he worked for wages, but at the end of two years, he joined his brother Eli in purchasing a farm of eighty acres, to the southward of Archbold Village, Fulton county. The brothers jointly farmed the acreage for four years, and then sold the property to advantage, Theophilus soon afterward going with his wife into Missouri, with the intention of buying a farming property in Schuyler county, of that state. They were only there for a few weeks, however, and did not purchase a property. Instead, they returned to Ohio and to Fulton county, taking up residence on the old Aeschliman homestead, in German Township. Theophilus farmed the property for seven years, and then went to Chesterfield, Ohio, where he purchased a partly improved farm of one hundred acres. He greatly improved the property during his occupancy of it, bringing all excepting twelve acres under cultivation. In the fall of 1906 he sold the farm to good advantage, and returned to his native county, buying an improved farm of eighty-two acres situated in section 19 of York Township, upon which property he has since lived. During the last decade he has made extensive improvements, remodeling the barns and outbuildings. The dwelling is of brick. He experienced good success in general farming, and maintained a high degree of productivity, holding steadily to the farm management until 1917, when he decided to take things somewhat less strenuously than he formally had. He rented the farm to his son, which condition has held to the present, to mutual satisfaction, but he has continued to live on the farm.

Theophilus Aeschliman on April 10, 1883, married Fannie Vonier, who was born in France, the daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Guyman) Vonier, who settled in German Township, Fulton county, in about 1872, and continuing to reside there until their deaths. Mrs. Vonier died September 15, 1884, but Andrew Vonier

lived to reach the venerable age of ninety-two years, death not coming to him until 1914. To Theophilus and Fannie (Vonier) Aeschliman were born five children: Jemima, who married Aaron Klepfenstine, of Clinton Township, Fulton county: Mary, who married Henry Richer, of the same township; Enos, a successful farmer, also of Clinton Township; Lucinda, who married Samuel Richer, of Clinton Township; and Benjamin, who rents his father's farm in York Township, and is cultivating it with good success.

The Aeschliman family in its three generations of Fulton county residence has appreciably aided in the development of the agricultural land in the county.

JOHN M. RASHLEY, a successful and respected farmer of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, has spent all his life in the county, and is one of its representative agriculturists. All his associations have been with Fulton county, and the Rashley family goes back to the early days of the county. His grandparents, both paternal and maternal, were pioneers of German Township of Fulton county and so also were the grandparents of his wife, who comes of the well-known Rychener family.

John M. Rashley was born in German Township, Fulton county, September 4, 1870, the son of Joel and Susan (Yost) Rashley. The Rashley family was originally of French ancestry, the American progenitor being David Rashley, grandfather of John M. He was born in France, and married Sophia Herman, coming early to the United States. They were for a while in Wayne county, Ohio, and came with other adventurous pioneers through the wilderness into Fulton county, settling in German Township, and the greater part of the life of David Rashley was spent in pioneering occupations in that township, where he died. Their son, Joel Rashley, was born in German Township, and eventually married Susan Yost, the Yost family being also among the pioneer families of German Township. He died in the township in 1879, but his widow Susan (Yost) Rashley, is still living, and in comparatively good health. She remained in German Township until 1910, but the last ten years she has spent in comfortable circumstances in the city of Wauseon. Joel and Susan (Yost) Rashley were the parents of five children: Sarah, who lives with her mother in Wauseon; John M., of whom further; Mary, who is the wife of Jonas B. Snyder, of Clinton Township; Lydia, who married Joel King, of Gorham Township; and Samuel, who died in infancy.

John M. Rashley, son of Joel and Susan (Yost) Rashley attended the district school nearest to his home, but was only nine years old when his father died, and he being the only son responsibilities soon developed upon him. He was not very old when he undertook the whole management of the farm, and he continued to be the mainstay of his mother even after he had married. He was twenty-three years old when he married, but he and his wife continued to live on the family property, which he kept in good cultivation. In the following year they all moved into York Township, to a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, situated in section 18 of that township, his mother having some time previously purchased the property. There they all lived, a loyal united family, until 1910, when his mother went to live in the city of Wauseon, leaving the farm in the management of her son. During the years from 1898 to the present John M. Rashley has made much improvement in the farm; has brought it into a high state of cultivation, and has

erected adequate modern buildings, including a comfortable and substantial residence, constructed of concrete blocks. He has purchased eighty acres from his mother, and acquired an additional forty acres from William Orndorff, and in the spring of 1919 he purchased about forty-six acres situated in section 19 of York Township, all the acreage being improved land, so that his recent farming has been upon an extensive scale. He has lived a steady, praiseworthy life of industriousness, and has prospered, having had invariable success in general farming, dairying, and stock raising. He is a man of strong religious spirit and Christian principle, and has consistently supported his church. He is a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and a deacon. He has given generous support to many local projects of public consequence to the community, and during the war was one of the stalwart, whole-hearted workers in his district for the national cause, subscribing to the extent of his resources to the war funds.

On July 22, 1894, he married Nancy Rychener, who was born in German Township, Fulton county, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Eckley) Rychener, who also were both born in that township, and belonged to pioneer families of that neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Rashley are the parents of six children, five of whom are living. The children, in order of birth, were: Leva, who married Chalmer Shaffer, of York Township; Vernon, who is at home; Daniel, also at home; Bertha, also with her parents; Edwin, who died in November, 1917, at the age of seven years, and John. The family is well-regarded in York Township.

Thomas Clinton Wardley, who is among the representative farmers of Fulton county, comes of a family three generations of which have had residence in Fulton county. His family is of record in York Township in its early days, and he himself has lived all his life in the Wardley homestead in York Township, upon which he was born. The Wardley homestead is in section 17, of York Township, and many of the older residents in the vicinity will remember Thomas Wardley, father of Thomas C., who died thirty-four years ago.

Thomas Clinton Wardley was born June 29, 1867, in York Township, the son of Thomas and Jane (Kane) Wardley, and grandson of Thomas and Mary Wardley. The family is of English origin, both paternal and grandparents, of Thomas C. having been born in that country. They appear to have early come to America, and for a while to have lived in New York state, for their son Thomas, father of Thomas C., was born in Palmyra, Wayne county, of that state, but they eventually came into Fulton county, and to York Township, where their son, Thomas married Jane Kane, who was of Irish descent, born in Londonderry, Ireland, daughter of Thomas Kane, also a pioneer settler in York Township. After they had married, Thomas and Jane (Kane) Wardley settled in section 17, of York Township, their farm being in a wild state, and eighty acres in extent. This land Thomas Wardley gradually improved, clearing the whole acreage, and adding considerably to his estate before he died; in fact, in his later years in the township he owned 225 acres, most of which he cleared. He died in March, 1886, and his wife survived him by only two years, her demise occurring in April, 1888. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Thomas Clinton is the only surviving son. The children in order

of birth were: Mary Olivia, who died at the age of eighteen years; Anita, who married F. D. Morse, and now lives in Angola, Indiana; Lou, who married N. H. Johnston, of York Township; Charlotte, who married Joseph Rupp, of Delta, York Township; Sophia, who married George Pocock; Thomas Clinton, of whom more is written; Henry, who died in infancy.

Thomas Clinton Wardley attended the district schools of his native place, and while still in school took upon himself the execution of many of the minor tasks of the home farm operation, and as he grew became conversant with most of the operations of agriculture. He appears, however, to have preferred to enter commercial life, and presumably with that object took the course at the Business College at Chatham. He, however, was only eighteen years old when his father died, and the operation of the home farm developed upon him. He took the responsibility manfully, and has steadily and industriously farmed it ever since. He became entirely responsible for the extensive farm before he was twenty-one years old, for his mother died in 1888. He manifested commendable steadiness and strength of purpose in his early manhood, and added steadily to his possessions by skillful farming. He was thirty-two years old when he married, and he and his wife have since marriage lived on the old Wardley homestead of eighty acres, which with fifteen acres additional, is his property.

He has had good success in general farming, and has reached a comfortable independence. Politically Mr. Wardley is a democrat, although he has not given great heed to national politics, excepting great issues such as that culminating in the recent war, during which he manifested by his actions a whole-hearted patriotism, but in local matters, he has taken a close interest for many years, and had he so wished might have gained election to office in the local administration. He and his wife have been liberal in support of local projects of civic, social or church importance, and are recognized as worthy, responsible and open-hearted neighbors.

His wife, whom he married in November, 1899, was Lou J. Burr, born in Benzonia, Michigan, daughter of Horace and Betty (Goodrich) Burr, both of whom were born in Huron county, Ohio. Mrs. Wardley is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Edward A. Buehrer, a well-regarded and well qualified undertaker of Archbold, is junior partner of the firm of Buehrer Brothers, furniture dealers and undertakers, of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, successors of Gype and Buehrer Brothers, which firm was one of the first to be established in its line in Fulton county, which is an interesting historical fact. He also has interesting place in Fulton county history by reason of the association of his family with the county in its early pioneer days. He is widely known throughout the section of the county that his undertaking firm serves, and has good professional credentials, being a graduate of the Barnes School of Embalming and Sanitary Science, Chicago.

He was born on the homestead of the family, near Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, the son of Martin and Mary (Fisher) Buehrer, the former for the greater part of his life a successful business man of Archbold, where he still resides. The Beuhrer family is of Swiss origin, but has been resident in America for some generations. The first of the family to have record in Ohio was Jacob, grandfather of Edward A., who was an early settler in Lucas county, Ohio, and

eventually entered government land near Archbold, Fulton county. There he lived for the remainder of his life, entering strenuously into the clearing of his land. There his sons and daughters, five in all, were raised. Martin, son of Jacob, and father of Edward A., was nine years old when his parents came into Fulton county, and he and his brother and three sisters spent most of their young days on the home farm near Archbold. About four years after the birth of Edward A., Martin Buehrer and his wife came into Archbold, and thereafter to the present that town has been their home. He was independently established in good business, as a furniture dealer and undertaker, very soon after moving into Archbold. Martin Buehrer has throughout his life manifested commendable public spirit, entering actively into public movements that concerned the community, and doing his best to promote the interests of the town.

Edward A., son of Martin and Mary (Fisher) Buehrer, was educated in the public schools of Archbold. He had elected to take up a commercial career, and with that object became a student at the Davis Business College, at Toledo, Ohio, eventually graduating therefrom, Returning to Archbold, he associated with his brother, Jacob J., taking employment in a clerical capacity, with Gype and Buehrer, of which firm his brother was one of the principals. Two years later, in 1909, he went to Chicago, and there took the course at the Barnes School of Embalming and Sanitary Science, the diploma of which he ultimately secured, thus qualifying as professional aid to his brother in the extensive undertaking practice of the firm. After obtaining his diploma, however, he took further post-graduate work in undertaking, and for six months was in Wauseon, Ohio, with the firm of Gould and Company. When he returned to Archbold he did not at once resume business associations with his brother in the undertaking business, for he saw advantage in becoming connected with the manufacturing firm which traded as the Ohio Art Company. For three years Edward A. Buehrer was identfied with that enterprise, and at the end of that period he purchased an interest in the furniture and undertaking business of Gype and Buehrer, with which he has since been connected. A disastrous fire in 1913 caused him to temporarily take outside employment, but eventually he returned to Archbold, and is now doing an active business in the town and neighborhood. When he left Archbold in 1913, he entered the employ of Milner & Company, of Toledo, Ohio, as assistant manager of the furniture department and as such he continued in the employ of that firm for three years, and for a further six months was buyer and manager for the same house. Then followed two years in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as manager of the Martin Haller Furniture Company, after which he returned to Archbold.

Politically Mr. Buehrer is a republican. Fraternally a Mason, he belongs to the Superior Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Unity, and to the Wauseon Chapter. By religious conviction, he is a Methodist, a member and a good supporter of the local church of that denomination.

In 1908 he married Meade daughter of Daniel and Anna (Roth) Siegel, of Archbold. They have two children: Alice Elizabeth, who is now nine years old; and Virginia Ann, who is in babyhood. Mr. and Mrs. Buehrer have during their lives entered much into the church and social movements of Archbold, and have many friends.

Ira O. Bourquin, a partner of the well-known tile manufacturing firm of Bourquin Brothers, of Archbold, and one of the consequential men of affairs of that section of Fulton county comes of a family which for three generations has had residence in Fulton county.

He was born in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1875, the son of Charles and Martha (Klopfenstein) Bourquin, and grandson of James Bourquin, the American grand-ancestor of the Bourquin family, or rather of the branch to which Ira O. belongs in America. The family is of record in earlier centuries in Alsace, France. James Bourquin was born in that province of France, and there followed the trade of cabinet making. He came with his wife and some of his children to America early in his manhood, and after a short while spent in Williams county, Ohio, he came into Fulton county, settling about three miles to the west of Archbold, acquiring a tract of land in that neighborhood, and for the remainder of his life living there. The family homestead eventually became the property of Charles, the father of Ira O., and was his place of abode and labor for the greater part of his life. In fact, it is only within recent years that Charles Bourquin has rested from his seasonal tillage of the parental acreage and taken up residence in the town of Archbold, where in declining years he might take life less strenuously than formerly. Charles Bourquin is still in comparatively good health, is in the emjoyment of adequate means for his material comfort and well-being, and by his long life of worth-while industriousness and production has gained a worthy reputation among those that know him well. There were four children born to Charles and Martha (Klopfenstein) Bourquin, of whom Ira O. was the third-born.

Ira attended the district school nearest to his home regularly until he was eighteen years years old, but long before he had closed his schooling he had been in the habit of doing much work upon the home farm. When he was eighteen years old, however, he appears to have evinced an inclination for commercial life, for he then entered the general store of E. J. Claire of Archbold, where he worked for two years as a clerk. His younger brother, Emerson, had also entered merchandising business, and eventually the brothers, having some financial capital and a comprehensive knowledge of the grocery business, joined their resources and acquired the business of Mr. Claire, for whom Ira had worked. The Bourquin brothers for three years or so thereafter were independently established as grocers in Archbold, conducting their trading under the name of Bourquin Brothers, and having gratifying success. Eventually, however, they became cognizant of another business opportunity that promised greater success, and in order to pursue it they sold their grocery and entered upon their new enterprise, that of tile manufacturing. They purchased thirteen acres of land upon which were clay deposits of proved value, and immediately formulated plans to enter extensively into tile making. Their property is on the outskirts of Archbold, and during the years from 1906, when they acquired the land, to the present the brothers have developed an appreciable business for their manufactured building tiles and other clay products. Their business sphere is of wide range, and also locally, and in the surrounding country, the brothers do a substantial degree of trading in coal. The tile plant finds employment constantly for thirteen men, so that in all the Bourquin brothers have developed a helpful industry for Archbold.

Politically Mr. Bourquin is a democrat, and while he has had to

adhere closely to his business affairs he has been a public-spirited resident. He is interested in all things that pertain to Fulton county, and to Archbold, and has been instrumental in furthering more than one project of public character. His private life is estimable, and as a business man he has good place among the responsible citizens of Fulton county. In 1903, he married Ethel, daughter of Robert S. and Elizabeth (Tedrow) Blair, of Archbold. They have five children: Wave Orville, who was born in 1906; Charles Robert, born in 1908; Gladys Elizabeth, born in 1910; Gladwin Emerson, born in 1912; Edwin Merritt, born in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Bourquin have many almost life-long friends in Archbold, connected with which place the two families have been for so long a time.

Joel Rupp was born near Archbold forty-four years ago, and for more than twenty years has been a responsible business man of that town. For eighteen years he was senior partner of the firm of Rupp Brothers, dry goods merchants, and since 1914 has been one of the partners in the successful Peerless Glove Manufacturing Company of Archbold, a manufacturing enterprise which is becoming a consequential industry to the town of Archbold. Joel Rupp is the senior partner, and the product of the factory finds ready market throughout the United States, and has encouraging prospects of substantial expansion. As a business man, Mr. Rupp has good standing in the county, and in his personal life he has also gained enviable standing in Archbold, being of estimable character. He is an earnest Christian, a deacon of his church, and superintendent of the Sunday school, these connections evidencing his general character and his worth in church work.

He was born on the family homestead near Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, July 16, 1876, the son of Jacob and Catherine (Frienberger) Rupp, who are classed among the pioneers of the district. The Rupp family is of Swiss origin. Jacob Rupp, father of Joel, was born in the canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, but came to America in his early manhood. He was of sturdy character, and resolute purpose, and settled cheerfully to pioneering work on virgin timber land, near Archbold, and before his death in 1884 had cleared and brought into profitable cultivation a good acreage. He married in Archbold, and all the twelve children of Jacob and Catherine (Frienberger) Rupp were born on the homestead he had won from the wilderness. Mrs. Rupp lived a widowhood of forty-two years, her decease not occurring until 1916. Of their twelve children eight are living, Joel being the third youngest son born to them.

Joel was a boy of industrious habits, and after attending public school in Archbold until he had reached the age of sixteen years he assisted his brothers in the operation of the home farm. As a matter of fact, he had been undertaking many tasks in connection with the farm long before he had closed his schooling. He was only eight years old when his father died, and his mother having a large family to rear and the farm being the only substantial means of subsistence, Joel had been in the habit of working industriously on the farm during the long summer vacations while he was still a young boy. He remained with his mother, assisting his brothers in the farm work, until he was nineteen years old, and then seeing an opportunity and wishing to gain higher academic education he became a student at the High School of Archbold, attending high school for two years, concurrently doing much farm work. When

he was twenty-one years old he entered commercial life, securing the position of clerk in the dry goods store of F. J. Dimke, Archbold. About a year later he and a friend, William Rice, joined resources and purchased a one-half interest in the business of Mr. Dimke, the trading thereafter being conducted under the firm name of F. J. Dimke and Company. Two years later a reconstruction became necessary, owing to the death of Mr. Rice. In the consequent negociations Emanuel Rupp, brother of Joel, joined in acquiring the whole business from Mr. Dimke, and thereafter for eighteen years the brothers conducted the business under the trading name of Rupp Brothers, giving good service and prospering well. The brothers handled that business very creditably, and became generally well-regarded in the town. In 1914 they joined Otto Waldvogel, a well-known Archbold resident, in forming the Peerless Glove Manufacturing Company. The enterprise began in an inauspicious manner, the partners with commendable recognition of their responsibility preferring to build the industry upon a solid, if slow, base. Two years later Mr. Waldvogel sold his interest to Mr. D. J. Mockler, a man of much business experience and a hard worker, and since that time the Rupp brothers and Mr. Mockler, have devoted almost all their joint energies and thought to the development of the company's trading. The expansion of business up to the present, has been very satisfactory, and their manufactured product is shipped to all parts of the United States. It is a promising industry of Archbold, being capable of almost unlimited expansion. Upon the present volume of business the factory affords constant employment to twenty-two Archbold people, so that even in its present state of development, it is not an inconsequential manufacturing industry of the borough and county. It is in the hands of good executives, whose main interest it is, and the advancement should be appreciable as the years pass.

Mr. Rupp's interest in the community of Archbold is well known. He has upon many occasions demonstrated his desire in practical ways to further the interests of the place, and although he has not taken public office he has given good assistance to many local causes. He has been especially active in church work. He is a member of the Missionary Church, and has for years been one of its deacons, and his interest in the Christian guidance of the young people of his church is seen in his service as superintendent in the Sunday school. In this work he shows the unselfishness of his nature, and also the strength of his religious convictions.

In 1899 Mr. Rupp married Anna Rice, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Waldvogel) Rice, of Archbold. Mrs. Rupp is active in church work, and during the recent war did much war work in Archbold in connection with the local Red Cross and other home activities, financial and personal.

Edwin Andrew Murbach, M. D., of Archbold, one of the leading physicians of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, and continuing a professional connection with that community begun by his father, Dr. Andrew J. Murbach, sixty years ago, is a medical man of worthy repute in the county, and of distinct qualifications. Holding the baccalaureate degree of Heidelberg University, and the medical degree of the University of Michigan, Dr. Murbach has undertaken much post-graduate research in special branches of medical science in some of the leading European centers of medicine, and has had much

hospital practice in addition to an almost continuous practice in Archbold since 1897, and a strenuous period as a military surgeon in United States Army hospitals during the World war recently ended. Dr. Murbach is one of the founders of the Wauseon Hospital, which has had rapid developments since its establishment in 1907.

Edwin Andrew Murbach is a native of Archbold, Fulton county, born in the town on December 15, 1869, the son of Andrew J. and Elise (Tanner) Murbach. The Murbach family is of Swiss origin, although three generations have been resident in the United States. Dr. Murbach's father and grandfather were both born in the town Goechlingen, canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, and both came to the United States, settling on farming land, then practically in its wild state, about six miles to the northward of Swanton, Swan Creek Township of Fulton county. At the time they came into Fulton county, Andrew J., father of Edwin A., was about sixteen years old. His father applied himself resolutely to pioneering tasks, and during his lifetime cleared quite an extensive tract of Fulton county timber land, being thus among the pioneer settlers of the county. His son Andrew J., however was not far beyond majority when he resolved to qualify for entrance to professional life. He pursued medical studies assiduously, and became a medical student at the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, eventually, in 1863, graduating, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He became established in good general practice of medicine in Archbold and for forty years continued to actively follow his profession, becoming widely known throughout Fulton county. He died April 28, 1900, his widow, Elise Tanner, died December 29, 1919.

Their son, Edwin Andrew, as a boy attended the Archbold elementary public school, and later passed through the high school of Archbold. He wished to also enter professional life, and with that ultimate object became an undergraduate of Heidelberg University, graduating therefrom in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then proceeded to the University of Michigan, enrolling as a medical student, and in 1894 graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Then followed a valuable interneship of one year, during which time he was house surgeon of the University Hospital, an appointment gained by competitive examination, and valuable to the young doctor in its wide scope of clinical opportunities. After leaving the hospital he returned to Archbold, and for a year or so was associated with his father in practice. He, however, desired to undertake further research in internal medicine and surgery, and for that purpose went to Europe in 1896, and took a post-graduate course at the Royal University, Vienna, Austria, probably the leading medical center of Europe. He passed a year in valuable post-graduate work in Europe and upon his return to the United States, and to Archbold, he immediately entered general practice, associating with his father until the latter's death in 1900, and from that time until 1913 attending to the medical needs of most of the families that formerly had been served by his father. In 1913, his younger brother, C. F., entered into professional partnership with him, which arrangement has since held. During the last decade Doctor Murbach has been able to undertake much post-graduate research, notwithstanding his extensive practice, and he probably will continue his studies until he finally closes his professional labors altogether. He had a wide practice as a military surgeon in 1918, and would have enlisted earlier had he not been held in the county from June, 1917,

until July, 1918, by professional duties of military connection, Doctor Murbach during that period being surgeon on the Fulton county Selective Draft Board. In July, 1918, he was commissioned by President Wilson in the grade of captain of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and was ordered to active service at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, where he took a six-weeks' course in military surgery. After graduation he was ordered to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for service in the United States General Hospital, No. 26, where he remained for five months, the Armistice of November, 1918, making it unnecessary, in fact almost impossible, for an army surgeon stationed in the United States to get assignment to overseas duty. Doctor Murbach received honorable discharge from the United States Army on January 6, 1919, soon afterward resuming his private practice.

Professionally Doctor Murbach has a good place among Fulton county physicians, and is well-regarded in the profession. He belongs to many medical organizations, including the state and county societies, and he has an enviable professional reputation among the residents of Archbold and that part of the county. His practice is a wide one, and marked by much care in diagnosis, and yet with a confidence that comes from knowledge and experience. Doctor Murbach was one of the founders in 1907 of the Wauseon Hospital, being joined by his brother-in-law, Dr. J. V. Fauster, in that undertaking. The hospital has more than doubled its capacity since it was established, and is now under the supervision of the Wauseon Business Men's Club. It is equipped with an up-to-date operating room.

During his more than two decades of busy professional practice in Archbold Doctor Murbach has shown commendable public spiritedness. He has been a good supporter of local institutions and movements of community interest. He has been especially interested in educational matters, and for twenty-years has been a member of the school board. Politically he is a republican by religious conviction he is a member of the Reformed Church; and fraternally has been somewhat prominent in the functioning of local Masonic bodies, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Wauseon lodge, and belongs to the Commandery and Shrine.

In 1907 he married Maud E. Eastman, daughter of E. R. Eastman, of Ottawa, Ohio. They have four children, two sons and two daughters.

C. F. Murbach, M. D., a well-regarded physician and surgeon of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, is continuing with his brother a practice of medicine in Fulton county begun by their father, Dr. Andrew J. Murbach, sixty years ago. He is a native of Archbold, where his father practiced for forty years, and is of a family which is placed among the pioneers of Fulton county. Doctor Murbach specializes in surgery, and his medical qualifications include graduation in medicine from the University of Michigan and post-graduate study of surgery at the Harvard University, medical department, which is generally considered to be the leading school of medicine in America.

Dr. C. F. Murbach was born in April,1885, the son of Dr. A. J. and Elise (Tanner) Murbach, and grandson of the first Murbach of record in Fulton county. The family is of Swiss origin, and both father and grandfather, were born in Goechlingen, canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland. They were early settlers in Fulton county, and more regarding the early connection of the Murbach family with

Fulton county is contained in the article written for this edition of county history regarding the life of Dr. Murbach's brother, Edwin A. The homestead of the Murbach family is in Swan Creek Township, but for sixty years the family has been resident in Archbold, with the development of which took place it has been somewhat closely associated. Dr. C. F. Murbach attended the public schools of Archbold, eventually graduating from the Archbold High School. He was fifteen years old when his father died, and at that time was in high school, and had planned to eventually study medicine. Fortunately the family was well circumstanced financially, and he was able to take the requisite pre-medical course and the medical course of the University of Michigan, from which he successfully and creditably graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1909. Then followed four years of professional practice in Portland, Oregon. In 1913, however, he returned to Archbold, and entered general practice in his native place in association with his brother, Edwin A., who had during the previous fifteen years or so developed quite an extensive medical practice in Archbold and throughout that section of the county. During the seven years to the present he has practiced almost continuously in Archbold, and during the war, was a captain of the Medical Corps in the military service, spending two years overseas with the Rainbow Division. He is a skillful surgeon, and has specialized in that branch of medical science, taking post-graduate study, 1915-16, at Harvard University Medical School, and benefitting considerably by the wide clinical opportunities of the city of Boston.

Dr. C. F. Murbach is a member of most of the medical societies, belonging to the Ohio State society and to the county organization, and also to some national associations. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He is unmarried. One might almost say that he is wedded to his profession, for he devotes almost all his time to professional matters, in research and practice.

Henry J. Fagley, partner of the firm of Hirsch and Fagley, wool merchants and seedsmen of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, has for many years been prominent in the business and civic life of that borough. For four years he was town clerk, and for nine years was a councilman and in his personal, civic and business activities he has been actuated by the same high moral principle which first brought him into favor in his native place.

He was born in Archbold in 1873, the son of Conrad and Anna (Saurerbry) Fagley. His family was of Swiss birth, both his father and grandfather having been born in the Canton of Schauffhausen, Switzerland, but both spent the greater part of their lives in America. Conrad Fagley, father of Henry J., was only four years old when his parents brought him to America. They settled soon afterward in Fulton county, purchasing a tract of wild land about a mile or so distant from Pettisville, Fulton county. Their tract was virgin timber land, and they were evidently not very well circumstanced financially, for notwithstanding that the Government sold undeveloped land in the district at nominal prices, in most cases at about $1.25 per acre, the Fagley family at the outset only acquired from the Government eleven acres of land. This they gradually cleared, and upon the land erected a substantial dwelling, which became known as the Fagley homestead. Conrad Fagley grew to manhood in such an environment, and whether because of such surroundings or through

inherited sturdiness of character he developed much strength of purpose and personality as he passed through life. By trade he was a carpenter, and he followed his trade industriously throughout his active life, which ended in 1885. His wife, however, lived to a venerable old age, surviving her husband by twenty-nine years. She died in 1914.

Henry J., son of Conrad and Anna (Saurerbry) Fagley, and eldest of their five children, attended the public schools of Archbold until he was fifteen years old, then having to leave school because of the vital necessity of help his mother needed in maintaining the family of five children, after the death of the head of the house, their father. Henry J., earnestly applied himself to what work then offered in the grist mill of Vernier and Levy, of Archbold. He was a good workman, and his employers soon discovered that quality in him, and his life was a compartively happy one in honest work under those employers for twenty years, during which he advanced in responsibility until he became head miller, which responsibility he held for the last eight years of his official connection with the mill. He would probably have continued as such for many more years had not the ownership of the mill changed hands. When that occurred, and Henry J. Farley had, perforce, to seek other employment, he found it without much difficulty in the factory of the Archbold Veneered Door Company, in which plant he worked for three years, showing a versatility in practical work and an aptness in adapting himself to the circumstances of the moment that was creditable. He proved himself to be a man of distinct practicability, and could have probably made his way successfully under almost all conditions. For three years he worked in the door factory, and then came another marked change of business, Mr. Fagley then entering the employ of Henry Hirsch, a local seedsman and wool merchant. He was associated with that business as an employe, for three years, at the end of that time becoming more closely interested in it, being then able to purchase a partnership in it. Since that year, 1914, the partnership trading has been done under the firm-name of Hirsch and Fagley, and the six years of trading have been mutually satisfactory, the company expanding its business appreciably. Its sale of clover and field seeds is of great volume, their trading being with most of the responsible agriculturists of the surrounding country. Mr. Fagley is still actively following the business and expects to for many years, but he has already reached a satisfactory competence in material wealth. He is a director and stockholder of the Archbold Telephone Company, and has other business interests.

His record in public service is a good one. He is politically a staunch democrat, and has for very many years been prominent in local affairs. He has demonstrated a worthy and unselfish public spirit, and also marked ability and faithfulness in the public service. For four years he was town clerk of Archbold, and for nine years sat in the borough council while his general interest in other community work has in very many ways been shown. He has been a helpful resident, and while the World war was in progress demonstrated in a very practical way a useful citizenship. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1898 he married Elizabeth Miller, daughter of John Miller, a successful farmer of the Archbold neighborhood. Two children have been born to them: Ruth H., who was born in 1902; and Arthur C., who was born in 1904.

GEORGE C. ROEDEL, senior partner of the Archbold firm of Roedel and Short, clothiers, haberdashers, and shoe merchants, has been among the leading business people of Archbold, Fulton county, for many years. His father was a successful merchant in Archbold throughout practically the whole of his business life and the family generally is of good repute in that section of Fulton county.

George C. Roedel was born in Holgate Village, Pleasant Township, Henry county, Ohio, in 1877, the son of Charles and Mary (Woelfel) Roedel. The family is of German-Swiss origin, the home of Roedels being in Berne, Switzerland. His genealogy in the maternal line connects with a family which had early connection with the State of Wisconsin, his grandfather Woelfel emigrating when thirty-five years old, with his wife and three children, and settling in Madison, Wisconsin, where for many years he was a merchant, eventually coming to Archbold, and there for many years being in independent business as a shoe merchant, and also having a livery and posting business at Fayette, Fulton county. He died in Archbold. The Roedels also were shoe merchants in Archbold, Charles Roedel, father of George C., being in good business of that character in the town for the greater part of his life, where he was esteemed as an enterprising, responsible and honorable merchant of public-spirited inclinations. He entered actively into community affairs, and contributed more than that quota of one resident to the development of the town. His wife, Mary Woelfel, also was of good life, and esteemed by many for her kindly nature. Their son, George C., spent the greater part of his boyhood in Archbold, attended the local public schools until he reached the age of seventeen years, and then entered upon an active business career. For twenty-two years he was connected with the firm of Vervier and McLaughlin of Archbold, and during that period, by steady life and commendable thrift, accumulated not an inconsequential sum of money, with which capital he eventually entered into partnership with his former employer's son, G. J. Vernier, the two for about two years conducting a clothing establishment in Archbold, under the trading name of Vernier and Roedel. This business enterprise came to a sudden and unexpected termination in 1913, their establishment, with so many others, being gutted by the great Archbold fire of that year. The partners after that disastrous occurrence dissolved partnership, and in 1914 Mr. Roedel formed a business association with Mr. P. C. Short, the two forming the firm of Roedel and Short, which has since developed into one of the substantial retail businesses of the town. Their trading in clothing, shoes and haberdashery is extensive, as they have a good country trade and the partners have manifested commendable enterprise, their store being well stocked, up-to-date and well situated.

Mr. Roedel does not actively concern himself with political movements. He is a business man, actively engaged in a growing business, and he has little time for politics. In local affairs he of course takes much interest, and votes intelligently, studying the candidate rather than the party. By religious conviction he is a Lutheran, and as such has steadily attended the local church.

In 1899 he married Selma Hahn, daughter of Antoine and Sophie Hahn, of Napoleon. They have one child, Charles Robert, who was born April 10, 1918.

WILLIAM LUMAN MOREY. While there were never greater opportunities than at present for the American farmer, it is true

that many of the most substantial men of the agricultural class laid the foundation of their present prosperity years ago in times of low prices and as a result of a long uphill climb and struggle. An example of this class in Fulton county is William Luman Morey, who began his career as a renter in Gorham Township, and today enjoys his possession of one of the most attractive country homes and valuable farms in the township.

Mr. Morey was born in Wayne county, New York, November 22, 1861, a son of Israel and Mary (Conklin) Morey. His father was a native of Canada, and was married in New York state, where his wife was born. In the fall of 1864 the family came to Williams county, Ohio, and lived on a farm there until 1884, when the parents removed to Isabella county, Michigan. The father died in 1901 and the mother in 1911. Their children were: John, of Palmyra, Michigan; George of Isabella county; William Luman; Barrett, of Kent, Washington; Loren, of Isabella county, Michigan; Tina, the oldest of the family who married William K. Martin and is now deceased; Nettie, wife of David Riggle, of Isabella county, Michigan; and Mabel, Mrs. William Sipley, of Isabella county.

After attending the district schools in Williams county William Luman Morey at the age of sixteen began working for monthly wages on a farm. During the next ten years he managed to accumulate a little capital and equipment and after his marriage he rented a farm in Gorham Township for thirteen years, and by much industry and self denial was able at the end of that time to buy fifty-three and one-third acres in section 36 of Gorham Township. The farm was then regarded as only partly improved. Mr. Morey has carried out a complete scheme of improvement since then, tiling the low ground, building new fences, putting up modern buildings, and in 1914 erected a fine modern home, equipped with electric light and all the conveniences of a city residence. Mr. Morey also has a farm of fifty acres in Franklin Township.

He has always taken a public spirited interest in the development of the community as well as his own property, and has rendered valuable service as road supervisor and school director.

December 22, 1887, Mr. Morey married Lydia ADell Ritter. She was born in Gorham Township July 13, 1866, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Baer) Ritter. They have one daughter, Hazel May, born May 11, 1889, and at home. Mr. Morey is a republican, is affiliated with Fayette Lodge No. 431, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his daughter is a member of Fayette Lodge No. 332 of the Rebekahs. The family attend the Methodist Church in Franklin Township.

Fred E. Skeels. One of the enterprising men of York Township who is profitably engaged in conducting the homestead of his father is Fred E. Skeels, a native son of the township. He was born on March 18, 1870, his parents being William and Clara (Struble) Skeels, and his grandfather Benjamin Skeels. The latter was one of the pioneers of York Township.

After their marriage, William Skeels and his wife located in section 33, York Township, their farm containing eighty acres. This continued to be his home until his death, which occurred January 1, 1901. His widow only remained on it for four years after he died, and then removed to Wauseon, where she is still living. Their children were as follows: Fred E., who was the eldest born; and

Nellie, who married Sherman Frederick and died at the age of thirty-eight years.

Growing up on his father's farm, Fred E. Skeels learned to be a practical farmer and attended the Blue district school. In 1900 he was married to May Myers, who was born in York Township, a daughter of George and Rhena (Farwell) Meyers. For the first two or three years following his marriage Mr. Skeels lived on his father-in-law's farm, but then went on the old Skeels homestead, where he is still engaged in general farming. He has always been a farmer with the exception of 1899, when he spent a year at carpenter work.

Mr. and Mrs. Skeels became the parents of the following children: Floyd, who is a farmer of York Township, married Dorotha Leist, and they have two children, Vera and Carma; and Ward, who is at home. Both these sons were sent to the local schools and learned farm work under their father's experienced supervision. Unlike some young men of the country they have not cared to leave farming for city life, and Mr. Skeels is glad that he has taught them a love for the country and developed in them a taste for agricultural activities. In politics Mr. Skeels is a republican, but he contents himself with exercising his right of suffrage, not caring to participate more fully in public affairs. Fraternally he belongs to Wauseon Camp No. 3902, Modern Woodmen of America, and is interested in its growth. Mr. Skeels is a friend of the public schools and of the good roads movement, and can be depended upon to give both these important questions an intelligent support whenever they come up for consideration in his neighborhood.

Peter C. Short, partner in the firm of Roedel & Short, clothiers, haberdashers and shoe merchants of Archbold, Fulton county, is an able business man and has had wide experience. He has many business interests outside that of the firm above named, being a large stockholder in and vice president of the Elmira Elevator Company, Elmira Ohio, and connected with the E. F. Hansen Company, of Wauseon, Ohio, and the Winner Manufacturing Company of the same place. He has been active in community affairs, has been a councilman, and might have had other local offices had he so wished.

He is a native of Fulton county, born in German Township, in 1878, the son of Peter C. and Mary (Stuckey) Short. The Short family has had long residence in Fulton county, and Peter C., Sr., farmed for the greater part of his life in German Township, clearing a somewhat extensive acreage of wild land. Peter C., son of Peter C. and Mary (Stuckey) Short, spent his young days in German Township attending the district school during the winter months, and during the very long summer vacations gave most of his time to his father, and thus became almost an experienced farmer before he reached manhood. He attended school until he was eighteen years old, and thereafter until he was twenty-one years old helped his father in the work of the home farm in German Township. Soon after he became of age Peter C. Short left home and went to Woodburne, Indiana, where for two years he worked as a clerk in a general store. Returning to Fulton county, he was for a short while in the employ of J. P. Flury, owner of a general store in Archbold and after leaving that store young Short for a year clerked in the general store of Theobald Brothers of Archbold. He had been of steady life and had saved some of his earnings, and about that time was able

to purchase an interest in the Elmira Elevator Company of Elmira, Ohio. For six months he worked in the office of that company as bookkeeper, and then became manager of the West Unity plant of that same company, maintaining that connection for eight years, and aiding appreciably in the expansion of the trading of the firm. At the close of that time he sold a portion of his interest and severed his official connection with the West Unity plant, retaining only a seat on the directorate and the corporate office of vice president. As such he is still identified with the Elmira Elevator Company. After relinquishing the management of the West Unity plant he again went into Indiana and at Shipshewana, LaGrange county, conducted a general store for about a year, selling the business to advantage and returning to West Unity, Fulton county, Ohio. He came to Archbold and in May, 1914, formed a business partnership with George C. Roedel, the two becoming established then as clothiers and shoe merchants. Since that year the partners have substantially expanded the business, which today is of wide scope, well patronized, both by the people of Archbold and country people of that section of Fulton county. The firm has a good reputation for reliable goods at reasonable prices, and the partners are placed among the enterprising, substantial business men of the county. Besides his holding in the Archbold firm, to which he gives practically the whole of his time, Mr. Short has an interest in the E. F. Hansen Company, of Wauseon, Ohio, and in the Winner Manufacturing Company of the same city, as well as official connection, as before stated, in the Elmira Elevator Company.

Mr. Short is a man of much interest in public affairs, although he is not able to give as much time as he would like to such matters. When he resided in West Unity he was for two years councilman of that community, and since he has lived in Archbold he has given willing support to many local projects of public character. He is an earnest churchman, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was married in 1909 at West Unity to Mary, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Smith) Beach, of that place. They have two children: Ralph Beach, who was born in 1915, and Paul Nathan, born in 1916. Politically Mr. Short gives staunch allegiance to the democratic party in national politics, but locally he is more inclined to study the candidate. During the recent World war Mr. Short demonstrated by his actions that he is a man of steady, patriotic citizenship and helpful loyalty.

James Clark Struble. The late James Clark Struble was one of the progressive men and successful farmers of York Township, whose untimely death put an end to his activities just when he was beginning to take life a little more easily. He was born in York Township on February 2, 1851, a son of William and Elizabeth (Dixon) Struble, who were among the earliest settlers of York Township. They bought a farm from Lawyer Rawson, who had entered the land from the government. The original farm comprised 160 acres of land, and to it they later added twenty acres, all of it being wild timberland. At the time of their settlement there were Indians in the neighborhood and plenty of deer, and William Struble shot many of the latter from his own doorstep. On this farm was a small mound or elevation, an ideal site for residential purposes, and it was selected for the first home. This somewhat primitive building has been replaced in turn by two others, the last one being a fine modern residence. In the spring of 1881 William Struble and his

wife retired from the farm, moving to Wauseon, where she died on December 25, 1889, he surviving her until about 1893.

James Clark Struble was reared in York Township and attended its rural schools. On August 6, 1878, he was married to Rose Steanbarge, born in Lorain county, Ohio, a daughter of Artemus and Louisa (Gillet) Steanbarge, who were married in Seneca county, Ohio, although he was a native of Vermont and she was born at Colchester, Connecticut, on April 15, 1819. After his marriage Mr. Struble moved to Pettisville, Ohio, where both he and his wife taught in the public schools for two years, and then they returned to the old farm and rented it from his parents for fifteen years. They then bought 120 acres of it, and Mr. Struble began making extensive improvements, tiling, building new fences, and erecting new buildings, including the present residence, but was not spared to see them all completed, he dying October 13, 1913. Always a hard worker, he never shirked anything and took a pride in having everything modern and in good order. The one child of Mr. and Mrs. Struble, Arthur Leland, who was born September 18, 1887, died on February 20, 1893.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Struble received better educational advantages than fell to the lot of many, he attending both the Wauseon High School and the Ada Normal School, and his wife the schools of Liberty Center, Ohio, and the Ada Normal School. Mr. Struble was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and took an active part in its work. In politics a republican, he served as a justice of the peace and as a member of the school board for a number of years. Mrs. Struble continued to reside on her farm until November 12, 1919, and then moved to her residence at 120 Cherry street, Wauseon. She is a lady held in the highest esteem by the whole neighborhood where she had lived for so many years, and where her excellent traits of character are known and appreciated.

Edward Albert Leininger. It is not so remarkable that men who have inherited valuable farms prefer to devote themselves to agriculture, but when a man spends his best years in farming and works with the end in view of investing his savings in land on which he can make a permanent home for his family, then he deserves the highest praise, for there is no calling in which more need is felt for intelligent, dependable men than that which has to do with the tilling of the soil and the production of foodstuffs. One of the men who has been connected with the agricultural life of Fulton county for many years, and who within recent ones acquired ownership of a fine farm of eighty acres of land in Franklin Township is Edward Albert Leininger.

The birth of Edward Albert Leininger took place in Henry county, Ohio, on January 30, 1888, and he is a son of W. A. and Catherine (Brodbeck) Leininger. Until he was seventeen years old Mr. Leininger attended the rural schools of Henry county during the winter months, and in the summer season assisted his father in operating the homestead. After he left school he worked for his father until he attained his majority. For the year subsequent to his coming of age Mr. Leininger worked with threshing outfit and baled hay, and then took charge of the Bailey Hay Farm and conducted it until 1918, when he purchased his present farm, on which he is now carrying on general farming. Although his property was an improved one when he bought it, Mr. Leininger has made a number of desirable changes, and is contemplating others, for he takes a pride

in having everything in first-class order and his premises show that a good manager and excellent farmer is in charge.

In 1910 Mr. Leininger was united marriage with Carrie Letherman, daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Althouse) Letherman. Mr. and Mrs. Leininger became the parents of three children, all of whom are living, namely: Jonas, born March 22, 1911; Pearl, born July 17, 1915, and Lodema, born May 23, 1917. A man of independent thought and action, Mr. Leininger makes his own selection of candidates for whom to cast his ballot and does not definitely connect himself with any party. The local Lutheran Church holds his membership and benefits from his donations. Entering upon his career with nothing but his willingness to work and a natural aptitude for farming, Mr. Leininger has distinctly made good in his undertaking, and at the same time he has won the respect of his neighbors for his sturdy traits of character and his interest in township improvement.

Aaron Leininger, who for more than forty-five years has been in independent business in Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, as a wagon maker and repairer, is widely known throughout that section of Fulton county. The family was among the earliest pioneer settlers in Archbold, and Aaron Leininger was for more than twenty years connected with the public administration of the neighborhood, being deputy sheriff for sixteen years and marshal for four years. He has been a responsible, useful citizen, and his friendship is esteemed by many of the older residents.

He is a native of Archbold, born in the old Leininger homestead, which was situated in the borough of Archbold, in 1850. The family was originally from Alsace, France, and with the children of Aaron Leininger four generations have had residence in America. Jacob, his grandfather, was the American progenitor of the family. He brought his wife and children, including George, then only eleven years old, to America, and soon afterward came into the wild territory of Ohio, entering government land in Fulton county, his holding being situated where eventually grew the borough of Archbold. At the time he acquired it the land was a wilderness, and the purchase price was $1.25 per acre. He purchased eighty acres, the government deed for which is still in the possession of his grandson, Aaron, and in course of time, by dint of hard work and cheerful endurance of the rigors of pioneering life, he cleared his acreage, bringing it into good cultivation. George Leininger, son of Jacob and father of Aaron, grew to manhood and hardihood in the rugged environment of frontier life, and as he grew in strength and years gave increasing assistance to his father in the work of the family holding. Eventually he succeeded to the property, and there raised his own family, including Aaron. George Leininger was a man of worthy characteristics, steady of purpose and honorable in his actions. He had a good reputation in Archbold, and is still respectfully remembered by many Archbold residents. He lived to a good old age, death not coming to him until 1914. He survived his wife, Nancy, by eighteen years, her decease being in 1896. Both were buried in Archbold.

Aaron, their son, attended the log school house on the border of Archbold borough until he had reached the age of thirteen years, gaining what general academic knowledge was possible in the somewhat primitive facilities of the district at that time. After leaving school he took to farming occupations, there being more than ample work to fully occupy his time on the home farm. He remained at

home, assisting his father, until his twenty-first year, when he went to Bremen, Indiana, in order to learn the trade of wagon-making under his uncle, Louis Theobald. He remained with his uncle for three years, qualifying as a journeyman, and as such he worked in various places during the succeeding two years, following which he spent about twelve months at his trade in his native place, and then for thirteen months he was in Toledo, and for seven months in Ottawa Lake, Michigan, after which he returned to and settled in Archbold, in which borough he has ever since been in business, a period of forty-six years of industrious and generally profitable business. It may safely be stated that the majority of the agriculturists that come into Archbold are acquainted with Aaron Leininger. Most of them at some time or other have done business with him, and those that have not, know him quite well by reputation, for he has been prominent in the vicinity for very many years. He has always been staunchly republican in his political affiliations, and has entered much into the civic movements in the borough that has grown around his parental homestead. He was the city marshal of Archbold for four years and city councilman for three years. For sixteen years he was deputy sheriff, under Sheriffs Blair, Shimberger and Rittenhouse.

Religiously Mr. Leininger is a member of the English Lutheran Church, and throughout his life he has been earnest in church support. Generally he has proved himself to be a man always ready to enter personally and enthusiastically into movements that have the welfare of the community as an object, and he has amply demonstrated his capability in public office. During the World war he showed a worthy patriotism, following the progress of the nation in the war with close interest, and co-operating with the efforts of war workers in his own community to accomplish the aim of the national administration in the various war fund campaigns.

On July 1, 1875, Aaron Leininger married Emma Base, daughter of Andrew and Frederica Base, of Pettisville. To them have been born five children, all of which have been raised to healthy, useful manhood and womanhood, and all are now established in life and in independent state in various parts of the country. He with his brother Philip are doing well in Oklahoma, having large landed interests, and being connected with one tract of Oklahoma land, 119,000 acres in extent.

Peter P. Roth. For his long residence, the hard work he performed in his active career and the wholesome relationship he has always sustained to the community, Peter P. Roth thoroughly deserves the respect and esteem paid him in German township, where he has lived the greater part of his active life.

Mr. Roth, who still lives on his 120 acre farm in that township, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1845, and was brought to this country at the age of ten years by his parents, Peter and Catherine (Rich) Roth. More than sixty years ago the Roth family bought 140 acres of land a mile west of the present homestead of Peter P. Roth. The latter grew up there, went to school a few months each winter in the nearby schoolhouse, and in early manhood employed his strength in association with his two brothers, Christian and John, in clearing up a ninety acre farm. Both these brothers are now deceased. After four years they traded that land, and in 1865 Peter P. Roth came to the farm where he now resides. His father and mother lived with him until their death.

Mr. Roth continued growing crops and looking after his farm interests under his personal supervision until 1906. Since then he has enjoyed a well earned retirement.

August 10, 1876, he married Barbara Roth, daughter of John and Mary (Amstutz) Roth. Four children were born to their marriage. Mary is still at home with her father. Daniel P. married Kate Reichhardt and has a family of four children. Katie B. is the wife of William Rupp, and their two children are Bessie Alice and Levi William.

James H. Nobbs. In 1920 occurred the death of a man whose life and career were of more than ordinary interest in Fulton county. For eighty-four years James H. Nobbs was a resident of this section of northwestern Ohio. He had the distinction of being the second white child born in the county, and while this was a distinction conferred by the accident of birth, the productive labors of his hand and brain, his good character, and his relations with the community serve to make his memory peculiarly grateful in the section where he lived so long.

He was born June 2, 1836, in the home of John and Jane (Mason) Nobbs. The family is of English origin, and had lived for a number of generations in Gloucestershire. John and Jane Nobbs crossed the ocean and settled at Syracuse, New York, in 1834, and soon afterward sought a better home in the western country, traveling by the Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Toledo. During the '30s and '40s what is now Fulton county was a part of Lucas county. John Nobbs on coming here entered forty acres covered with heavy woods, and with courage and hope of the future started the work of developing a home and incidentally developing the country. He and his family knew all the hardships of the frontier. John Nobbs was born in England in 1796 and died in Fulton county in 1870. His wife was born ten years later than he was, and she died fifteen years later. Most of their children are now deceased, the record being: Thomas, of Swan Creek; Sarah, who became the wife of Samuel Saeger, of Delta, and both are now deceased; James H.; John, of Delta; Robert, deceased; Daniel, of Fulton; Anna, who was the wife of J. G. Halsey; and Jane, who married Edward Vaughan and both are now deceased. In this as in many families who have lived many years in the community there are more names on gravestones than in current directories.

James H. Nobbs grew up in a real pioneer environment. He lived among the great woods, saw the swamps before they were drained, attended a pioneer school, and his muscles were hardened and his resolution strengthened by the strenuous activities of boyhood. At the age of twenty-one he began farming for himself on rented land. In 1862 he bought an eighty-acre tract in partnership with his brother-in-law, J. G. Halsey, but a couple of years later they divided the land in two separate farms. Mr. Nobbs increased his portion until he owned 107 acres, all under cultivation except about fifteen acres of woods pasture. Though he lived to be an octogenarian, he carried on the work of agriculture until a few years before his death.

July 4, 1861, Mr. Nobbs married Julia Ann Fetterman. She was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of George and Rachel (Bacon) Fetterman, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio. To the marriage of James H. Nobbs and wife were born the following children:

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Hattie Gertrude, wife of Elmer Dolph, of Ai; Etta, wife of Frank Merrill, of Fulton; Jennie, wife of D. A. Snyder, of Delta; Cora, widow of W. H. Critzer, of Delaware, Ohio; Robert O., of Coleman, Michigan; Ethel, wife of Emerson Snyder, of Delta; George Lloyd, of Fulton; Nellie, wife of John Williams, of Swan Creek; Alta, who died at the age of fourteen; and Anna Belle, wife of Fred Miley, of Ai.

The late James H. Nobbs came to his majority soon after the republican party placed its first national ticket in the field, and he became identified with the cause and steadily supported republican tickets through many local and national elections. As a progressive farmer he was identified with the local Grange, was affiliated with Swanton Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and during his long life accepted many opportunities to be of service to his community as well as to his own family.

Charles W. Tremain. From colonial days there has been a continual improvement in American agriculture, while during the past half a century the development has been remarkable. Two main reasons for American pre-eminence in agriculture are to be found in the fine quality of the soil and the high character of the farming class. One of the men who is rightly included among the successful farmers of Fulton county and who is aiding in maintaining this prestige for his community and country is Charles W. Tremain, of York Township.

Charles W. Tremain was born in Henry county, Ohio, on March 2, 1880, a son of Abram and Ida (Skeels) Tremain, natives of Fulton county, Ohio, where Garner Tremain and Silas and Martha (Van Fleet) Skeels, the grandparents, were very early settlers. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Abram Tremain moved to Henry county and conducted their own farm there until 1883, when they sold it and returned to Fulton county, buying another farm in Swan Creek township. There Mrs. Tremain died in 1885. Mr. Tremain then married Rosa Neill, and they now live at Delta, Ohio. The children of Abram Tremain are as follows: Gertie, who is Mrs. Wesley Wieland, of Williams county, Ohio; Terry, who is a farmer of York Township; Ross, who is a farmer of Delta, Ohio; Charles W., whose name heads this review; Carl, who is a resident of Littlefield, Texas, and Atlee, who died at the age of twenty-five years.

Charles W. Tremain attended the Raker district school and the Delta High School for one year, and then began farming. After his marriage in 1902 he rented a farm from his Grandfather Skeel for seven years, after which he bought 108 acres of the property, on which he has made many improvements, either replacing or rebuilding all of the buildings then standing except the house. Here he is carrying on general farming and dairying, his herd being of the Holstein strain. He is a republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias of Delta, and the Order of Owls of Liberty, Ohio.

On December 23, 1902, Mr. Tremain was united in marriage with Sadie Slagle, born in Henry county, Ohio, a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Sharp) Slagle. Mr. and Mrs. Tremain have one daughter, Marie, who is at home. His career as a farmer is one of which he may well be proud, for his success is certainly due to his native abilities and his earnest, honest efforts along a line for which he was eminently fitted by inheritance and inclination.

George C. Brown. The office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but

rather to leave upon the record the verdict establishing his character by the concensus of opinion on the part of his neighbors and fellow citizens. The life of George C. Brown, one of the successful farmers of Fulton county, has been such as to elicit just praise from those who know him best. He has spent the major portion of his life here, engaged in the pursuits for which nature and training have best suited him, and is a creditable representative of one of our much respected old families.

George C. Brown, who is the owner of a fine farm of fifty-four acres in Clinton Township, was born at Burlington, in this county in 1869, and is a son of Judge Levi W. and Nancy (Ames) Brown. His father was during his active life one of the most prominent and well-known citizens of Fulton county, having rendered effective service as judge of the Probate Court, to which office he was elected for three consecutive terms. He also held for four years the position of United States Consul at Glasgow, Scotland, under appointment from President Benjamin Harrison. He later became president of the T. & I. Railroad Company, holding that position at the time of his death, which occurred in 1907 at Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was interested in woolen mills. To him and his wife were born seven children, five sons and two daughters.

George C. Brown was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of Wauseon, including one year in the high school, after which he was a student at the Normal College at Ada, Ohio. He then accepted a position as superintendent of construction for the Sinecod Heating and Ventilating Company of Toledo, Ohio, during which time he installed many heating systems at various points in the country. After spending two years at this employment Mr. Brown engaged in farming on his father's farm, embracing 175 acres, which engaged his attention for a short time, when he bought his present farm, comprising fifty-four acres in Clinton Township, near Wauseon, where he has devoted himself to general farming operations, in connection with which he also gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of Duroc hogs, which he has found a profitable source of income. He has exercised good judgment in all his business affairs and is today numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of his section of the county.

In 1899 Mr. Brown was married to Lilly Gorsuch, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Kahoe) Gorsuch, of Wauseon. To them has been born a son, Howard Levi, whose birth occurred in 1914. In politics Mr. Brown is independent of party ties, while fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. What he has he has gained entirely by his own exertions, and has demonstrated himself to be a man of industry, discrimination and integrity.

George William Brinkman. Intelligent thinkers recognize the definite relationship of the farmer as a factor of modern civilization, and the fact that the up-to-date agriculturist is at the point of focus of live forces in whom are concentrated the great currents of modern life. This has always been true, but not until within modern years has it been generally admitted. The modern farmer brings to his work not only a love for it, but also careful training; and he can take advantage of the experiments of others in carrying on his operations. For these and many other equally cogent reasons the farmer of today is a man of importance; and thus many of the best

men of any locality devote themselves to agricultural work. One of the men who has achieved an enviable success along this line of profit and dignity is George William Brinkman, owner of eighty acres of valuable land in Clinton Township.

George William Brinkman was born in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1874, a son of Frederick Christopher and Mary Ann (Orth) Brinkman. Frederick Christopher Brinkman came to the United States from Germany and became one of the reliable and responsible citizens of Fulton county.

During his boyhood William Brinkman attended school during the winter months, and in the summer time made himself useful on his father's farm, and he remained with his father until he was twenty-five years old. At that time, in 1900, he was united in marriage with Clara Nettie McKibben, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wires) McKibben, of Clinton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman have children as follows: Thomas, Frederick, Ray Claire, Mary Elizabeth, Katie Lavinie, Charles Herman, Harry Francis, George William and Emma V. Mrs. Brinkman was born in Fulton county of which her parents were pioneers, coming here from Holmes county, Ohio.

Having acquired a capable helpmate, Mr. Brinkman decided to engage in farming on his own land, and in 1901 bought his present farm, on which he has always carried on general farming. Here he has worked to make improvements and put his land under a fine state of cultivation, and has succeeded, his place being one of the nice ones in Fulton county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman are religious people and find expression for their faith in the creed of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wauseon, of which they are members, and where they worship. They are products of Fulton county, and proud of their birthplace and home. Improvements of this region if properly entered upon and carried out meet with their approval, and they are in favor of the good roads movement, realizing the necessity for them in order to bring the great automobile traffic through their neighborhood, as well as to afford comfortable and safe highways for their own use, thus putting them into close connections with the centers of industry and interest. They are pleasant people to meet, and they, with their children, have many warm, personal friends in their neighborhood.

Christopher K. Miller. For thirty years Christopher K. Miller, of Gorham, has served his community as a school director. He is president of the Gorham Township School Board and a member of the Fulton County Board of Education. For two years he was its president. Mr. Miller was born January 14, 1858, in Brady Township, Williams county. He is a son of Adam and Melvina (Green) Miller, the father a native of Richland and the mother of Medina county.

The ancestry farther back—Peter and Rebecca Miller, had come from Pennsylvania to Richland county. On the maternal side, Frederick and Weltha Ann Green came to Medina county. Later they lived in Milwaukee. When Adam and Melvina Miller were married they settled in Williams county, where he enlisted as a Civil war soldier. He was in Company C, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Sherwood. He received a gun-shot wound and was home on a furlough for several months. However, he rejoined his regiment and was discharged at the close of the war. He returned to Williams county. In 1881

he moved to Frontier, Michigan. He died there in 1916, aged eighty-eight years. His wife died two years earlier in Michigan, the scene of their last days on earth.

The children born to Adam Miller are: Rebecca Jane, wife of George Finch, of Owosso, Michigan; Ellen, wife of Samuel Wasnich, of Frontier, Michigan; Christopher K.; Weltha Ann, who died in childhood; Etta, wife of Byron Miller, of Pioneer; Martha, deceased wife of William Suter; Emma, who died in childhood; William, of Frontier, Michigan; Della, who died in childhood, and Orpha, wife of Edward Hukill, of Frontier, Michigan.

In August, 1880, C. K. Miller married Alice Ritter. While she was born in Gorham, her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Bear) Ritter, had come from the vicinity of Lake Cuyahoga, New York. They settled in Gorham Township in 1848, and they bought eighty acres from the government, on which they lived until their death, Mr. Ritter passing away December 27, 1891, and Mrs. Ritter on July 13, 1902. They were the parents of five children. The old Ritter farm is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, on which they have a modern home. Mr. Miller tiled and thoroughly improved his farm, making it one of the best farms of Gorham. While he does general farming, he raises registered Holstein cattle. He now owns a farm of 190 acres.

The children born to C. K. Miller are: Elta, wife of Martin Kanauer, of Toledo, and she has two children, Gwendolin and Atha. Carl K. died December 7, 1918, leaving a wife, Goldie (Blaker) Miller, and two children, Violet and Carmon.

Mr. Miller is active in local republican politics, and he represents Fulton county in the Ohio State Legislature. He is a stockholder and a director of the Farmers' State Bank of Fayette, a member of the Independent Order Odd Fellows Lodge No. 431, and the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fayette. He is a member of the official board. Mr. Miller has long been an active man in Fulton county's political and business affairs.

Arthur Scott Blake. If true to his profession and earnest in his efforts to enlarge his sphere of usefulness, the man who spends his life in an effort to alleviate human sufferings in any way is a benefactor of his kind, and to such men as Dr. Arthur S. Blake, the well-known dentist of Wauseon, are entrusted the comfort and safety and in some cases the lives of those who place themselves under his care. Doctor Blake is a scion of one of the old and influential families of this section of the state, and is regarded as standing in the front rank of professional men, having gained a wide reputation in his chosen calling while yet comparatively young in years, and at the same time establishing a good name because of his exemplary character in all the relations of life.

Arthur S. Blake was born at Tedrow, Ohio, on March 18, 1884, and is the son of Eugene and Sarah (Scott) Blake, who were of sterling English stock. He received his elementary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school, after which he was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University for one year. Then, having determined to devote his life to the dental profession, he matriculated in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1905, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately thereafter he came to Wauseon and opened an office in partnership with J. F. Outcalt, the association continuing one year. Then for five years he was alone in the practice, at the

end of which time he formed a partnership with Dr. Guy B. Tuthill, a relationship which existed for four years, since which time he has been alone in the practice. Doctor Blake's office is thoroughly equipped with the most up-to-date apparatus possible to obtain, and his success in his profession stamps him as thoroughly qualified in technique and practice. He enjoys a large and representative patronage over a wide radius of surrounding country and personally is well liked by all who have had dealings with him. He is a member of the Ohio State Dental Association, the Maumee Valley Dental Association and the National Dentists' Association.

In 1907 Doctor Blake was married to Winifred H. Dimke, the daughter of John F. and Mary (Probeck) Dimke, of Wauseon, and they are the parents of two children, Mary Elizabeth and Eugene Scott.

Politically Doctor Blake is an earnest supporter of the republican party, while fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. In his chosen field of endeavor he has achieved a splendid success, and his standing among the professional ranks of his community is widely recognized throughout the community honored by his citizenship.

Charles E. Bennett, M. D. The marvelous advances made in medical science in the last decade give great encouragement as to future conquests over disease and disability, and it is to the older men of medicine that a large measure of credit is due. Many of these, with sadly inadequate help from available resources of research, nevertheless blazed the way, and through their experience and their experimentation theories were evolved that later hardened into scientific facts that in the course of time led to the adoption of the remedial methods that now mark modern medicine and surgery. One of the prominent older physicians of Wauseon, who is widely known over Fulton county, is Dr. Charles E. Bennett, who has been in practice here for forty-four years.

Charles E. Bennett was born at Evansport in Defiance county, Ohio, March 1, 1856. His parents were Dr. J. H. and Tryphena (Denman) Bennett, the remote ancestry being Scotch and English. The Bennett family has belonged to America since before the Revolutionary war, in which its members took part and won distinction. In civil life a number of Doctor Bennett's forefathers belonged to the medical profession. He obtained his early schooling at Wauseon, Ohio, and later came under the instruction of tutors in English and Latin. In 1874 he entered the Detroit Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1876. In 1901 he took a post graduate course in the New York Polyclinic. While Doctor Bennett has a large and lucrative practice both in city and country, he has special duties as a member, since 1876, of the surgical staff of the New York Central Railroad, and for twenty years as surgeon for the Detroit & Ironton Railroad.

In 1878 Doctor Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Celia Brigham, who is a daughter of Joel and Betsy (Lyon) Brigham, early settlers in this section of Ohio. The father of Mrs. Bennett was the oldest merchant at Wauseon. Doctor and Mrs. Bennett have had three children, one daughter and two sons, the daughter, Florence H., alone surviving. She is a highly educated and accomplished lady and is a member of the high school faculty at Wauseon, an instructor in French, geometry and biology. Fred H., the elder son, died in 1895, when a schoolboy of thirteen years. The youngest

of the family, J. Walter, was twenty-six years old when his death occurred in 1911. Doctor Bennett and family are members of the Congregational Church. He has always voted the republican ticket, and while political activity has never been a moving force, but like other men of intelligence and real public spirit, anxious for the general welfare, has accepted certain responsibilities as a part of good citizenship. In 1878 he was elected coroner of Fulton county, and continued in that office until 1882. Both personally and professionally Doctor Bennett is held in esteem at Wauseon, an able physician and worthy man.

Charles Frederick Stotzer, who has been in business in Wauseon, Ohio, practically continuously for thirty-seven years, for the greater part of that period in independent business of lucrative character, has gained an enviable reputation during his long association with the business people and residents of the city. And he is widely-known in all the surrounding country. He is sole owner of the C. F. Stotzer carriage and harness business in Wauseon, and as a saddler prospered so that of late years he has been financially interested in many other concerns. He is vice president of a Toledo company; is director of the Northwestern Ohio Telephone Company; has part interest in a Montana ranch; and is a large stockholder of the Superior Malleable Iron Works Company. He has shown commendable public spirit; has been a city councilman; has served on the local library board, and also that of the city hospital; and during the war was especially active as a member and secretary of the Wauseon Draft Board. Altogether he has proved himself to be a worthy citizen, a man of initiative, financial reliability and moral integrity.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio, June 23, 1856, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Snyder) Stotzer. In the paternal line he is of Swiss ancestry, his father, Frederick Stotzer, having been born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, where he, the father, lived until he was sixteen years old and had learned the trade of harness making. He then came to the United States and settled in Toledo, where he had no difficulty in finding work at his trade. It was in Toledo that he in 1853 married, and in that city his son Charles Frederick was born in 1856. In 1857 Frederick Stotzer removed to Archbold, Fulton county, and there established himself in independent business as a harness maker and dealer in carriages. He did a very satisfactory business in that place for the remainder of his life, which ended in 1912.

Charles Frederick Stotzer was the eldest of the four sons and four daughters born to Frederick and Elizabeth (Snyder) Stotzer. He spent practically the whole of his young days in Archbold, attended the public schools of that place, and worked with his father there until he was twenty-one years old. As a matter of fact, he began assiduously to learn the trade of harness making when he was only eleven years old, attending school in winter and working with his father through the long summer vacation. In 1872 he came to Wauseon to learn carriage trimming in the establishment of E. Ross, with whom he remained for three years, paying for his own board. As journeyman carriage trimmer, he was with the Schofield Carriage Company, and also as top-man trimmer for two years. Returning to Wauseon in March, 1883, he acquired a one-half interest in the business of J. L. Parks, harness and carriage maker, and

the partners for eleven years traded as Parks and Stotzer. In 1894 Mr. Stotzer purchased his partner's interest, and from that date has been sole owner, the business bringing Mr. Stotzer a very satisfactory competence. He has many other interests, and with his public work his days have been well occupied. He has always been well-regarded in the city, and has always been ready to assist in any worthy city project. A democrat in politics, he has held loyally to the party and taken much interest in national politics, although he has never sought political office. He served one term as city councilman, and gave efficient service as such; and he has been a valuable member of the library and hospital boards. During the war he proved by his indefatigable national service, in connection with the work of the local draft board, that he was whole-heartedly an American.

Fraternally he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, member of the Wauseon Blue Lodge, the Commandery, and also of a Toledo Mystic Shrine body.

On May 14, 1889, he married Pauline Kinbloe, of Wauseon. Two children were born to them: Clarice, who married C. A. Guilford, of Detroit, and is the mother of two children, Pauline and Charles Franklin; and Jeannette, who became Mrs. MacDonald, of Wauseon, but died early in her married life, in October, 1918. She had many sincere friends in Wauseon, who mourned her early death.

Walter A. Spengler. The desirability of cement for building purposes has been fully proven and a number of new uses for this material are being found with each year. The demand has grown so great that the handling of it in various forms affords opportunity for a number of progessive business men to develop growing concerns, the operation of which give employment to workmen and a liberal profit to the employers. One of these enterprising young men of Elmira is Walter A. Spengler, junior member of the firm operating under the name of the Cement, Tile and Builders Company of Elmira.

Walter A. Spengler was born in German Township, Fulton county, in 1888, a son of Daniel and Minnie (Ruffer) Spengler, and grandson of Herman Spengler, all of whom came from Germany to the United States and located in German Township, Fulton county, where they became interested in agricultural matters.

Growing up in his native township, Walter A. Spengler attended the country schools until he was fifteen years old, and after that until he was twenty-one he assisted his father in conducting the family farm. After he attained his majority his father turned considerable of the farm management over to him, and he remained on the farm for four years more, but being an ambitious young man concluded to seek his fortune in a more congested district, so came to Elmira, and in partnership with John A. Rupp established the Cement, Tile and Block Company at Elmira, and has been engaged in conducting it ever since, and his success has been exceedingly gratifying.

In 1916 Mr. Spengler was united in marriage with Miss Florence Thrulby, a daughter of John and Clara (Belcey) Thrulby, and they have one daughter, Arline, who was born on May 27, 1918. Preferring to cast his vote independently, Mr. Spengler has not definitely connected himself with any party, being more inclined to vote

for the man rather than for his affiliations. Hard-working and dependable, Mr. Spengler is a young man deeply immersed in practical affairs, but he is never too much occupied to give intelligent attention to public matters, and renders his community efficient service by supporting those measures which in his judgment will work out for the good of the majority.

DAVID STOLTZ is one of the enterprising men of Fulton county whose energies and capabilities have been centered upon the development and cultivation of his fine farm of 153 acres in Franklin Township, in this work not only gaining for himself a fair competence, but also doing his part in the production of foodstuffs for the country at large, and lately for the world.

David Stoltz was born on a farm in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1848, a son of Jacob and Henrietta (Heishley) Stoltz. The paternal grandfather, also David Stoltz, came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to the United States and settled in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, bringing with him his son, Jacob, then a child of five years, and his two elder brothers. With the industry and thrift of his people, the elder David Stoltz went to work to acquire a farm and clear it of the natural timber which covered it, and there he passed away at the age of fifty-five years, leaving a family of four children.

Jacob Stoltz remained on his father's homestead until 1868, when he sold his interests and came to Fulton county, buying the farm now owned by his son David in Franklin Township. Like his father he was a constructive citizen and a hard-working man, and after he had secured his property he went right to work to place it under the plow. At the time he came to the township the greater portion of it was covered with timber or stumps. The trees were chopped down by hand, and the stumps grubbed out, usually the latter being done after a crop of two had been raised on the land. Plowing, planting, cultivating and harvesting was then done in a very different manner from now, and the implements were few and crude when compared to the equipment of a modern farming plant. Yet on it Jacob Stoltz reared eight children and made a living for them and for himself and wife, and saved up a comfortable fortune.

David Stoltz attended the district schools during the winter months until he was sixteen years old, and then left his schooldays behind him and did a man's work on the farm. He has never left the homestead, and after the death of his father bought out the other heirs. Here he is carrying on a general farming business and making money, owing to his knowledge of the work and his conveniences and machinery.

In 1870 David Stoltz was married to Mary A. Waltz, a daughter of David and Mary (Ulmer) Waltz. Mr. and Mrs. Stoltz became the parents of the following children: Harrison A., who is engaged in teaching school at Pettisville, Ohio; William A., who is unmarried, lives at home; Arthur O., who married Iva Shetler and has six children; Nelson L., of Franklin Township; and W. D., who married Lulu Andre, lives in Franklin Township and has two children. In politics Mr. Stoltz is largely influenced by his own judgment as to the fitness of the man for the office. For three terms he served Franklin Township as treasurer and administered the affairs of that office in a very efficient manner, and he has also been township trustee. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is serving it as

trustee. Successful in all of his undertakings, he has not lost his sense of responsibility for the welfare of his community, and lives up to his highest conception of good citizenship and upright manhood.

LEONARD STINE. Agriculture is just as essential to peace as it was to war, and consequently now more than ever must the farmer receive due credit for the work he is doing and the responsibilities under which he rests, for to him and his labor the whole world is looking for an adequate food supply. The farmers of Fulton county are measuring up well under present day requirements, and one of them who is doing good work with his fifty-acre farm is Leonard Stine of German township.

Leonard Stine was born in Jefferson Township, Richland county, in 1849, a son of Daniel and Mary (Evarts) Stine, and grandson of Joel Stine, who came from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Richland county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. Daniel Stine moved from Richland county to Franklin Township, Fulton county, in 1853, and buying a farm spent the remainder of his years in cultivating it, and died on it in 1890. His wife died many years before him, passing away in 1878. Of their three children, Leonard Stine is the eldest.

After he had completed the country school courses at the age of nineteen years Leonard Stine worked on his father's homestead for a year. His next step was to engage by the month or day with farmers, and remembers distinctly wielding the cradle in a wheatfield for sixty-eight cents per day. Of course all wages in those times included board and lodging, but the hours in a day were many more than would be tolerated now, and the men were driven at top speed. After four years of working about the country Mr. Stine was married on September 6, 1873, to Mary Sine, a daughter of Joseph and Amanda Sine of German Township, both of whom were born in France and came to the United States in their youth. They had seven daughters and five sons born to their marriage. All of the Sine family belong to the French Catholic Church.

After Mr. and Mrs. Stine were married they began housekeeping in a log cabin, and Mr. Stine alternated farm work with carpentering until he had saved up enough to buy fifty acres of land, which property is still his homestead, and he has lived on it ever since, improving it in every way. Mr. and Mrs. Stine have two children, namely: Albert Jean, who lives at Walden, Michigan, married Gertrude Clark, and they have four children, Retta, Florence, George and Harold; and Myrtle, who married Francis Peters of West Unity, Ohio, and they have five children, Richard, Malcolm, Ralph, Mary and Allen.

Ever since he bought his farm Mr. Stine has carried on general farming, and believes his place is best adapted to the growing of diversified crops. A republican, he is serving as a trustee of German Township and as a director of the Edinburg, Ohio, School, having held that office for nine years. He belongs to the State Grange, and for fifteen years has been president of the Patrons of Industry of the county association. Interested in the development of local enterprises, he has invested in stock of the Mutual Telephone Company, and has in many other ways proved his value as a citizen. In the creed of the Disciple Church he finds expression for his religious belief, and is active in the local congregation of that denomination. A violinist of marked talent, Mr. Stine is oftentimes asked to favor the different gatherings he attends, and with obliging good humor

complies with these requests. There is no doubt that had he cared to devote himself to a musical career and in his youth possessed the means for continental study, he would be a well known figure in this art, but he has used it as a relaxation and finds in it a pleasure which increases as the years pass by.

JOHN ASHBROOK STULLER, who for more than thirty-five years has been an official of the New York Central Railway Company, Lake Shore Division, and for twenty-nine years has been freight and passenger agent at Pettisville, Fulton county, Ohio, has during that period been one of the leading residents of that place, active in public affairs and an able administrator of sincere public spirit and of alert attention to projects that have been consequential to the community. And during the recent war he proved himself to be a citizen of whole-hearted and useful patriotism, serving effectively and enthusiastically on all the local committees organized to effect the purposes of the national loan campaigns in his district. His interests in the various activities of Pettisville is demonstrated in his public record. For fifteen years he was a member of the Pettisville Board of Education, for many years he has been a director of Pettisville Cemetery and president of the Cemetery Board of Trustees, and in church work his record is praiseworthy and includes seven years as secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Pettisville Union Church and twenty years as treasurer of that board. It will therefore be recognized that Mr. Stuller has been a helpful resident of Pettisville.

He was born in Edon, Williams county, Ohio, January 29, 1863, the son of James and Phoebe (Foster) Stuller. The Stuller family is of German origin, but for many generations has been resident in America, members of the family having record in the early generations of Pennsylvania settlement. The grandfather of John A. Stuller drove along the blazed trail through the wilderness from Pennsylvania into Ohio and settled on a tract of wild land at Edon of that state and there for the rest of his life he lived, raising his family there, at the outset experiencing all the rigors and privations encountered by the average resolute pioneer, but latterly winning for himself and his family comparative comfort in the possession of good tillable land. His son James, father of John A., succeeded to the family property and farmed industriously throughout his life, his four children, two sons and two daughters, being born on the farm. John A. as a boy attended the Anspach country school during the winter months, and spent the long summer vacations chiefly in tasks upon the home farm. So passed the years until he was about seventeen years old, the family then moving to Edgerton, Williams county, Ohio, where for the next two years he assisted his father in the management of the Cober Hotel, which his father had acquired. John was nineteen years old when he entered the employ of the Lake Shore Railway Company as telegrapher at Archbold Station, Fulton county, Ohio. He had previously undergone a course in telegraphy at the Maguire School of Telegraphy, Edgerton, Ohio, and had become an efficient operator. For three months he was night operator at Archbold Station, and then was transferred in the same capacity to Chesterton, Indiana, where he remained as night operator for eleven nights. That brought his career to the time of his first introduction to Pettisville affairs. He was transferred as night operator to that station on September 11, 1883, and remained so employed at that place until June 6, 1888. On the 18th

of that month he was appointed day operator at Swanton, Ohio, from which station he went to that of Corunna, Indiana, as day operator, and as such for a few weeks in 1889 was in Goshen, Indiana thence to Ligonier, Indiana, December 14, 1889, back again soon afterward to Corunna, where he remained until January 26, 1891, when he was ordered to Stryker, Ohio, as day operator. Next he was at Brimfield until June 15, 1891, when he was promoted to the Pettisville station as freight and passenger agent and day operator. As the responsible and capable agent of the New York Central Railway Company at Pettisville, Ohio, he has remained ever since, proving by his long service that he is a man of constancy and loyalty, and also of definite efficiency.

His energetic disposition and his interest in the community he served brought him much into public life. He was ever ready to cooperate personally in community movements, and throughout his residence in Pettisville has been a helpful spirit among those public-spirited citizens who sought to promote the interests of the town. He interested himself particularly in educational matters, and for fifteen years was a valued member of the Pettisville Board of Education. He has been a director of the Pettisville Cemetery and president of the Cemetery Board of Trustees. He has always been a consistent churchman, and his record of church work in Pettisville is especially commendable. He is secretary-treasurer of the Pettisville Union Church. He was secretary of its board for seven years, 1893-1900, in the latter year being elected treasurer of the board, which office he has held continuously until the present, a period of twenty years. He is a member of the Christian Church at Wauseon. Politically Mr. Stuller is a republican of independent leaning, and while he has taken close interest in national politics of consequence he has not followed national political movements as closely as he has those affecting Pettisville. In local affairs he has for many years been active, and might have secured election to local civic office had he so wished, for in the community he is held in high esteem. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the former he is affiliated with and is a charter member of Lodge No. 248 at Corunna, Indiana, and has held membership in that branch since 1899. Of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is a member of Wauseon Lodge No. 362. He has since his early years of manhood been a citizen of loyal, manful type, and during the recent war was whole-heartedly with the federal administration in the prosecution of the struggle. In Pettisville he co-operated in every movement which had for its object the betterment or strengthening of some phase of the national purpose, and was a valuable member of the local committees responsible for the raising of the Pettisville quota of the various Liberty Loan issues, and of the other funds raised for auxiliary organizations engaged in war work. And he had the gratification of seeing Pettisville take good place among the loyal communities that over-subscribed their quota.

Mr. Stuller's many working interests and the esteem he enjoys in this community have sustained him through personal bereavements. He lost both his children, and recently was deprived of the companionship of his good wife after they had been married thirty-four years. He married in 1886 Minnie May Broughton, daughter of Amos and Mary (Blakeley) Broughton of Pettisville. Mrs. Stuller's death occurred March 31, 1920. The two children who for some years blessed and brightened their home were a son, J. Leroy, and a daughter, Vesta Mary.

Samuel K. Davis, of Shady Side Farm in Swan Creek Township, does general farming and conducts a dairy business. In early life he received a common school education, and later he has served as a school director and road supervisor in the community. Mr. Davis is republican in politics. He is a member of the Delta Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and has filled all the chairs. He is also an active member of the local Grange. He was born January 10, 1853, in Richland county. He is a son of Abner and Mary (Vance) Davis. The father was born in 1790, and died in 1864, the mother having died eight years earlier. Mr. Davis married a second time, and Samuel K. Davis was reared by the stepmother, continuing to live with her until manhood.

On March 18, 1874, he married Phoebe R. Wilson, of Ashland county, Ohio. She was born March 23, 1853, and is a daughter of Maxwell and Sarah (Van Valkenburg) Wilson, the mother born in 1815 and the father in 1817, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. In 1843 they drove through from Pennsylvania to Ashland county. They died in 1892, inside of twenty hours of each other, and they were laid in the same grave.

After his marriage S. K. Davis moved to a farm his father had left him in Richland county. In 1896 he sold it and returned to Fulton county, locating in Pike Township, where he bought eighty acres. In 1910 he sold his farm and bought forty acres in Swan Creek Township, remodeling the house and adding the necessary farm buildings, and now everything is modern and comfortable there. Wherever he has lived he has given attention to livestock and dairying along with general farming operations.

The children in the family are: Myrtle, wife of Elliott Griffin, of Toledo; Dora, wife of William Arnold, of Bellvue; Ruby, wife of Jay Turpening, of Swan Creek. Another child, Samuel Kirkwood Yarman, was "bound out" to Mr. Davis when he was four years old, and he lived there as a son until he reached his majority. Mrs. Davis had the following brothers and sisters: Henry, who died in early life; George, who lives at Mansfield; Martha, wife of John Mapes, of Paris, Illinois; James, of Vermilion, Illinois; Lavenia, wife of Andrew Strickler, of Paris, Illinois; Walter, deceased; Sarah Jane, wife of Joseph McCowen, of Paris, Illinois; Mary, wife of Ebert Cole, lives at Jefferson, Iowa. Mrs. Davis is the youngest in the Wilson family.

Evidently progress has been the keynote in Mr. Davis' career. He has made good use of the opportunities presented during the forty-five years since he married, and while he has lived in two different counties and on several farms, each move has been made in order to give him larger effectiveness as a farmer and stockman. All of these communities have likewise known him as a very intelligent and public-spirited citizen.

George Leininger. While George Leininger, of Swan Creek Township, is a native of German Township, having been born June 27, 1854, at Archbold, the family name was brought to the United States from Alsace-Lorraine. His father, George Leininger, Sr., was an emigrant, although his mother, Nancy (Ditto) Leininger, was born in Seneca county. His grandfather, Jacob Leininger, came in an early day to German Township, where he owned forty acres of land near the City of Archbold.

The maternal grandparents, George and Susan (Folk) Ditto, were also early citizens of German Township. While George Ditto

was born in Pennsylvania, his father was born in Ireland. He lived for a time in Seneca county, and later moved with a yoke of oxen to Fulton county. He entered 320 acres of land where the west half of Archbold is now situated, and he owned it long enough to receive as much for one acre as he had paid for all of it. He entered this land at Archbold when he was forty-two years old, and forty years later he died there. George Leininger, Sr. and Nancy Ditto were married there. They lived on an eighty acre tract that is now within the town of Archbold. George Ditto died in 1915, aged eighty-eight years. His wife died in 1895, aged sixty-four years.

The children born to George and Nancy Leininger are: Andrew, of Springdale, Arkansas; Aaron, of Archbold; John, who is deceased; George, who relates the family history; Amos, of Archbold; Susan, widow of Adolph Bergt, of Dodge county, Nebraska; Rebekah, wife of Emil Chulke, a Lutheran minister; Nancy, who married Charles Heupel of Toledo; Philip, of Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Henry, of Archbold.

When George Leininger was nineteen years old he began learning the wagon maker's trade in Defiance, Ohio. After six months he returned to Archbold and worked for two years with his brother in the wagon making business, when he moved to the Ditto farm owned by his grandmother. After her death he worked 3½ years in a general store of the L. D. Gotschall Factory. He later worked in a stave factory and at the carpenter trade.

In 1886 Mr. Leininger purchased an eighty acre timber tract in Swan Creek Township, and two years later he removed to it. He cleared this land, and it is now all under cultivation but a five acre tract used for pasture land. The farm has modern buildings, and it is inclosed with excellent wire fences. It is all tiled and under high state of cultivation.

On August 27, 1879, Mr. Leininger married Jennie C. Spade, of Napoleon. She is a daughter of George and Eliza (Cunningham) Spade. Her father was an early settler and helped hew the logs used in building the first courthouse in Henry county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leininger are: Amanda, wife of William Osterhout, of Swan Creek; Myrtle, wife of Irvin Kurchner, of York Township; Edward, of Delta; Rudolph, of Pioneer, Ohio.

In his early life Mr. Leininger attended the public school and the parochial school in Archbold. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and has served as one of its trustees. In politics he is a republican. As an incident in the family history it is related that his maternal grandfather, George Ditto, owned and operated the first grist mill in Fulton county. He brought it from Seneca county. The mill drew patronage from ten miles around, and it was of great advantage in the pioneer community. Those who had grist to grind brought it to the mill and others were enabled to purchase the products for less money than they could procure them from distant points. The Leininger-Ditto history is closely identified with the beginning of things in Fulton county. And, moreover, the work done by the earlier generation has been worthily continued in the person of Mr. George Leininger, who deserves especial credit for the excellent farm and fine country home he has developed in Swan Creek Township. While he has always been known as a man who has looked diligently after his own business, he has always been concerned in a public-spirited way with the welfare and advancement of his com-

munity, and his influence and support are frequently regarded as necessary to the success of some local enterprise.

FREDERICK A. SEGRIST, a successful and respected farmer of Swan Creek Township, owner of a good agricultural property in that township and of another farm of eighty acres in York Township, Fulton county, has lived a worthy life of persistent but enterprising industry. The Segrist family has had association with the development of Fulton county since its early days, and the two farms of Frederick A. Segrist are those won practically from the wilderness by his father, John Segrist. The Segrist family has honorable place in the earliest records of York Township, Fulton county, and worthy place among the consequential pioneers of this section of the State of Ohio.

Frederick A. was born in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, December 14, 1872, the son of John and Lucinda (Bowman) Segrist, and grandson of David Segrist. His father and grandfather were born in Wurtemburg, Germany, but John Segrist was in early infancy when brought by his father, David, grandfather of Frederick A., to this country. At the outset of their American residence the Segrist family lived in Pennsylvania, but early came into Ohio, and eventually entered government land in what is now Fulton county. John Segrist eventually married Lucinda Bowman, and for many years lived in York Township, where most of their children were born, but eventually he went into Swan Creek Township, acquiring a farm in section 17 of that township. Frederick A. was born in the old Segrist family homestead in York Township, and there spent most of his youth. He was twenty-two years old when he married, after which important event in his history he took up his residence on a farm belonging to his father, the property being situated in Swan Creek Township. There he and his wife passed the first six years of their married life as tenants, but since 1910 the farm has belonged to them, being acquired by Frederick A. Segrist from his father with the proceeds of his fifteen years of industrious work as a tenant farmer. He has since much improved the property, and has built a substantial modern dwelling of nine rooms, and has been able to fit it with most of the modern conveniences that add to the comforts of life. Furthermore, his success in farming the Swan Creek acreage gave him the means wherewith to purchase the old Segrist homestead in which he was born in York Township. That property, eighty acres in extent, he acquired more for sentimental reasons than any other, and he does not himself operate it, renting the farm to mutual satisfaction. He has been a close student of modern developments of farming, and has been apt in recognizing and in adapting to the conditions of his own farm many modern improvements. His farming has been of the general order, and he has had substantial success in stockraising. His Swan Creek farm, known as Woodlawn Farm, is a well-balanced property, and he maintains it in a high state of fertility, knowing the real bases of good farming.

Politically Mr. Segrist is a democrat, but has not closely followed national political movements. In local affairs, however, he has been interested, and might have been elected to office in the local administration had he so wished, for the Segrist family has an honorable record in the district, and he, personally, is of good repute for moral and material integrity. Formerly he and his wife were more active in the social life of the community, and they are very hospitable.

His wife, whom he married on March 28, 1895, was Emma Snyder, who was born in York Township, daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Frederick) Snyder, well-known York Township residents. Mrs. Segrist's parents were not, however, born in the township, her father being a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother having been born in Piqua, Miami county, Ohio.

Orren Newton Detwiler. The Detwiler family story began in Fulton county in 1862, when Orrin Newton Detwiler came to Swan Creek Township with his parents. He was born August 26, 1855, in Marion county. He was a son of Jacob and Penelope (Miller) Detwiler. They belonged to the first quarter of the nineteenth century, he having been born November 14, 1816, while his wife was born August 28, 1824, eight years later. They were married December 15, 1843, at Marion Ohio, and resided there until 1862, when they removed to Fulton county. She died June 5, 1888, while he died September 5, 1889, both being highly respected pioneer citizens.

After the death of the parents O. N. Detwiler decided to go west, and he located in Washington. He went in company with other young men from Fulton county. They prospected for two years, buying lots as an investment, but finally returning to Swan Creek Township, to the farm left him by his father. In 1900 he sold this farm to his brother Oliver Detwiler and for one year he lived on a rented farm, finally removing to Toledo, where he engaged in the meat business for a time, finding, however, that the farm suited him better and then he returned to Swan Creek Township.

When Mr. Detwiler bought his present farm it had improvements characteristic of the time, but he added necessary buildings, built fences and tiled the land and continued farming there until his death, March 3, 1909. On March 21, 1900, Mr. Detwiler married Mary Florence Miller, of York Township. She was born March 21, 1862, and was a daughter of John and Catherine (Hensel) Miller. The Miller family lived in Wayne county, the father dying there in September, 1908, while the mother died when Mrs. Detwiler was only two years old.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Detwiler are: Isa May, March 25, 1902, and Argyl Gilbert, November 30, 1904. They attended district school. Mr. Detwiler voted with the democratic party. Mrs. Detwiler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She continues her residence at the family homestead in Swan Creek Township.

Fifty-four years was the allotted span of life to Mr. Detwiler. He spent most of it in Fulton county, and by the close of his life he was able to see many of his cherished plans take shape and march toward fulfillment. The farm where Mrs. Detwiler and her children live is one of the valuable ones of Swan Creek Township, and it not only affords a good home but also means for the education of the children for the serious duties and responsibilities of life.

Philip Henry Peter. One of the successful agriculturists of Fulton county who have to their credit a large amount of work done in the improvement of farm land in this region is Philip Henry Peter of Swan Creek Township. He was born at Florida, Henry county, Ohio, on September 18, 1877, a son of William and Eve (Yerges) Peter, both of whom were born in Ohio. They were early settlers of Henry county, Ohio, where they owned and developed a

farm. Later on in life they retired and are now living at Delta, Ohio, which has been their home for about thirteen years.

Philip Henry Peter was reared by his parents to be a practical farmer and started out for himself in 1900, renting land for the first eight years, and then, in 1908, buying and improving an eighty-acre farm in Swan Creek Township. On it he rebuilt the house, erected a fine large barn, and put in other valuable improvements, so that he was able to sell it at a handsome profit in 1919. Immediately thereafter he bought his present farm of eighty acres in the same township, one mile distant from his old one, and here is continuing his operations of general farming and dairying, which branches have received his attention ever since he began farming.

On March 13, 1900, Mr. Peter was united in marriage with Mary Clemens, born in Defiance county, Ohio, a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Clemens, of Bavaria, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Peter have one daughter, Bessie, who is at home. Mrs. Peter is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church, but Mr. Peter is not connected with any religious organization. He maintains membership with the National Union at Florida, Ohio.

Mr. Peter belongs to the class of practical farmers who appreciate the value of their work and know how to make it yield them a fair profit. He does not undertake to carry on his operations without proper implements and appliances, and has learned how to make all of his efforts effective. Experience has taught him that it is more profitable to operate a farm of the size of his own well than to try to handle a big one that requires a large number of helpers. As a citizen Mr. Peter stands well in his neighborhood, and while he has not taken an active part in politics, he is dependable, reliable and enterprising and has at heart the welfare of the township in which he has made his home for so many useful years.

John H. Bratton. The men of Fulton county who have developed their farms from wild land have a satisfaction in their present comfortable surroundings not given those who have had their way prepared for them by others. John H. Bratton as he looks over his finely cultivated fields today can easily remember when they were covered with unsightly stumps, and the hard, back-breaking work required to dig them out. As he goes about his modern, comfortable house, barn and other buildings it is with the realization that they were all erected through his instrumentality, and that to him and his ambitious efforts all of the improvements on his property are due. Mr. Bratton has lived on his present farm in Swan Creek Township only since 1913, but he has owned a portion of it for a number of years, and was born in this same township on April 19, 1853.

The parents of John H. Bratton were Robert and Elizabeth (Deill) Bratton, natives of Ireland and England, respectively. About 1845 Robert Bratton came to the United States and located in Wayne county, Ohio, of which region John and Elizabeth (Hartzel) Deill, the maternal grandparents of John H. Bratton, were early settlers, moving there from Pennsylvania. Robert Bratton and Elizabeth Deill were married in Wayne county, Ohio, and about 1850 came to Fulton county and bought eighty acres of land in the northern part of Swan Creek Township. This farm was all wild land, and Robert Bratton cleared and developed it and erected the necessary buildings on it. Here he died in 1868, his widow surviving him until 1899. Their children were as follows: George, who is a resident of Swanton, Ohio; John H., whose name heads this review; Andrew, who is

deceased; Mary, who is Mrs. Ezra Putnam, of Delta, Ohio; James, who lives on his parents' home place; and Anna Z., who is Mrs. Henry Zellers, of Swanton, Ohio.

John H. Bratton was reared in his native township, and attended its district schools. On March 25, 1879, he was united in marriage with Abigail Smont, born in Fulton Township, a daughter of James and Priscilla (Day) Smont, natives of England. After his marriage Mr. Bratton spent a year on his father's homestead, and two years in Pike Township, and then moved to Paulding county, Ohio, and spent four years there. With the death of his wife in 1889 Mr. Bratton terminated his residence in that county and returned to Fulton county, and was engaged in carpenter work. When he came back to Fulton county he bought thirty acres of his present farm, and when he located on it permanently he commenced those operations which have resulted in the development of one of the best small farms in this part of the state.

In 1903 Mr. Bratton was married to Alma McCullough, born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Alma (Sheldon) McCullough. There are no children by this second marriage, but by his first one Mr. Bratton had the following family born to him: Pearl, who is Mrs. Ezekiel Parker, of Fulton Township; Robert, who died at the age of four and one-half years; Wesley, who is a resident of Fulton Township, married Minnie Habel, and they have a daughter, Ollie.

Mr. Bratton is a democrat, but has not held any public offices, his time having been fully occupied with his own affairs. He is a member of Swanton Lodge No. 448, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Swanton, Ohio; and is a charter member of Swanton Lodge No. 490, Knights of Pythias. As an Odd Fellow Mr. Bratton has passed all of the chairs in the local lodge. During his long connection with Swan Creek Township Mr. Bratton has proved his worth as a man and citizen, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors.

Albert V. Green. While Albert V. Green is now living in retirement in Swan Creek Township at the edge of Swanton, he has been a busy man in his time. He is a son of James F. and Nancy (Pettibone) Green, and was born August 14, 1851, in Ottawa county. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother was a Connecticut woman. When he was a young man Mr. Green worked on a lake vessel, and he met his wife at Marblehead, Ohio.

Mrs. Green is a granddaughter of Governor Wolcott of Ohio. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Green lived in Ottawa county, where he was proprietor of a fishing outfit in Sandusky bay. In 1854 his wife died there. He later married Jane Shank, and they lived on an island in Sandusky bay until 1862, when they removed to Swan Creek Township near Brailey, where he had purchased eighty acres of timber land. He had three acres cleared in order to have a place to build a house, and he ended his days there, dying in 1877, where he had lived several years.

Albert Green had a sister, Artemicia, who was the wife of William H. Poorman, and he has one brother, William L., of Fremont. The children from his father's second marriage are: Josephine, deceased, who was the wife of Elvin Kessler; Delilah, wife of Samuel Kontz, of Sandusky; Luella, wife of James Shively, of Fremont; Henry, of Toledo; George, deceased, and Viola, of Toledo.

Until he was twenty-four years old Mr. Green lived at the home farm, and then rented land and farmed for himself in Fulton

county. On December 12, 1875, he married Pauline Huntley. She is a daughter of Lorenzo and Susan (Whitmore) Huntley, and their home was in the State of New York before moving to Ohio. For a while they lived on his father's farm, then moved to the Whit Manley farm, remaining there two years, when they removed to Swan Creek Township, where they lived until 1906, when they sold the place and moved to the vicinity of Swanton. For a time they lived in Swanton, where they owned property, but five years later they exchanged it for the 4½ acres of suburban property where they live today.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Green are: Burton L., of Brailey; James A., who lives with his parents; Clarence J., who is proprietor of a general store at Brailey; and Arthur A., who has just returned from overseas service in the war of the nations. He was in the second depot of supplies division of the United States Expeditionary Forces in France.

It is nearly half a century since Mr. Green came to years of manhood, and those years until his practical retirement were characterized by well directed industry. As noted above, he began life with very little capital, and has made his prosperity by hard work and honorable means. He is one of the best known citizens of Swan Creek Township, and he can take pride in the record of his sons now beginning independent careers for themselves.

Henry Meintzer, of Swan Creek, is an American by choice, having been born January 13, 1849, in Alsace-Lorraine. He is a son of George and Christina (Menlein) Meintzer. When he first came to the United States Mr. Meintzer farmed for 2½ years in Cook county, Illinois. From there he moved to Fremont, Ohio, where he worked for two years in a saw mill, and for nine years in an iron mill before he finally located in Fulton county.

Mr. Meintzer bought 106 acres of land in Swan Creek Township with about twenty acres cleared and the remainder in brush. He finished clearing the land and added substantial farm buildings from time to time, although there were some buildings when he bought the land. He remodeled the buildings and added forty acres to the farm, and he now has about 100 acres under cultivation. While he is a general farmer he specializes in livestock and dairying.

In October, 1869, Mr. Meintzer married Sophia Holtzscherer, who was born February 29, 1852, in Alsace-Lorraine. She is a daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Nicholas) Holtzscherer. They never lived in America. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Meintzer are: Albert, who died in infancy; Sophia, wife of Robert Reedy, of Toledo; Nellie Jane, wife of Henry Wales, of Wauseon; Regina, wife of Fred Kuhlman, of Toledo; Henry George, of Swan Creek; Arthur, of Toledo; and twin brother, Harold, who passed away February 17, 1920, and Arnold, who lives at the family homestead. Arnold spent five months in training at Camp Zachary Taylor in preparation for service in the war of the nations. The family is republican and members of the Lutheran Church.

While of foreign birth the substantial qualities of Mr. Meintzer and his family are just those needed in American life today, and while the story of his life is briefly told it is a record that will be cherished by his descendants and should also be noted as one of the contributory factors in the development of Fulton county's farms and homes.

W. F. POORMAN AND FAMILY

David M. Aton, of Swan Creek, dates back to the days of the log schoolhouse in Ohio where he secured his education. In politics he is a republican, and he has an army record in the Civil war that is a source of pride to him. He enlisted August 28, 1861, in Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served his country until July 12, 1865, when he was mustered out, after having given four of the best years of his life to his country. Mr. Aton is commander of the Grand Army of the Republic Post at Swanton, and is still interested in things military.

On May 29, 1866, Mr. Aton married Rebecca Overmeyer, of Sandusky county, although she was born in Perry county. She was a daughter of Jared and Jemima (Coe) Overmeyer. After his marriage Mr. Aton lived on a farm near Brailey, and here his wife died February 10, 1871, leaving the following children: William S., of Swan Creek; Amanda E., deceased; Cora E., wife of H. D. Camp, of Portage county; and Levi F., of Fulton county.

On November 1, 1885, Mr. Aton married Sarah Crosby. She was born in 1841 in Swan Creek. She is a daughter of John and Sarah Crosby, who came from New York to Ohio. When Mr. Aton married her she was the widow of Henry Coe, and she had three children: Charles E., of Toledo; Clara, wife of Frank Zerman, a bond printer of Toledo; and Viola, wife of Ashford Kent, of Isabelle county, Michigan. After his second marriage Mr. Aton located on an eighty acre farm in Swan Creek that has since been the family home. While there is some timber the land is under a high state of cultivation.

David M. Aton was born in Troy Township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1846, a son of Rufus M. and Euseba (Mead) Aton, natives of New York. At the age of seventy-four he has a long and interesting retrospect and may take especial pride in the four years he spent as a soldier in helping preserve the Union. His life since the war has been filled with activities, and the farm home in Swan Creek is largely the product of his energies and efforts.

W. F. Poorman. While agriculture is the oldest calling, it is only within recent years that the farmer has received proper appreciation, or that he has recognized the possibilities lying at his hand. The present farmer conducts his farm along systematic lines and through the use of improved machinery has been able to increase the volume of his production without the employment of much additional labor. Fulton county has long been the home of some of the most progressive farmers in Ohio, and one of them who has been able to live up to the reputation of this region is W. F. Poorman, of Franklin Township.

He was born in Perry Township, Richland county, Ohio, in 1856, a son of Peter W. and Caroline (Cornwall) Poorman, and grandson of Elias Cornwall. The Cornwall family is of German and English extraction, and was founded in the New Jersey colony many years ago. It was from the State of New Jersey that Elias Cornwall came to Ohio and located in Richland county, near Mansfield. Mrs. Poorman's father, Elias Cornwall, who went west in young manhood, but the family has since lost sight of his movements.

The Poorman family is of Scotch descent on one side and German on the other, but nine generations have lived in the United States. The paternal grandfather, Peter Poorman, came to Ohio from the vicinity of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and bought 160 acres

of land in Perry Township, Richland county, on which farm his grandson was later born. All of the members of the Poorman family have been agriculturists with the exception of one, who is a machinist now living at Pennsville, Ohio. Peter W. Poorman inherited the homestead from his father and spent his life on it, passing away in 1895. He and his wife had two children, namely: W. F., whose name heads this review; and Samantha Almeda, who married Lloyd Bodley and lives in Hillsdale county, Michigan.

Like all farmer boys of his generation and neighborhood he attended the district school during the winter months and made himself useful on the home farm throughout the productive season, completing his schooldays at the age of nineteen years. In the period between his leaving school and his marriage Mr. Poorman was on the homestead, but at the time he was married he bought his present farm of 120 acres in Franklin Township, although when he made his initial purchase there were only eighty acres in it. With the exception of eight years he has continued to live on this farm, and has carried on the raising of diversified crops. His farm is well cultivated and nicely improved, and he takes a pride in having everything up-to-date.

On September 5, 1885, Mr. Poorman was united in marriage with Susie Merillat, a daughter of John M. and Susan Merillat of Franklin Township, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Poorman became the parents of the following children: Oliver, who is married, has one child and lives near Swanton, Ohio; Edgar A., who is a veteran of the great war, served as an aviator in the army camps, is now at home; Carrie May, who married Jesse E. Ubank, lives at Toledo, Ohio, and has one son; Arthur H., who is a farmer of Franklin Township; Roy C. R., who lives at Wauseon, Ohio; Freeman Ivan, who is now at home, is also a veteran of the great war, served in France from June 26, 1917, until August 22, 1918, and also was in the campaign along the Mexican border, a member of Company A, Sixteenth Regiment, First Division, was wounded by a rifle ball at Chateau Thierry on July 18, 1918, was in a French hospital, recovered, and finally sent home, landing at Newport News, Virginia, from which port he was sent to Camp Sherman and there mustered out; and Hazel Frances, Flossie G., Lewis Dale, Ora and Verdie, all of whom are at home.

Robert N. Murray, one of the substantial farmers of Swan Creek Township, is a man whose standing both as a citizen and agriculturist is unquestioned. He is a native of Fulton county, having been born in York Township May 26, 1848, a son of John and Mary (O'Brien) Murray, he born in County Down, Ireland, in 1804, and she in County Armagh, Ireland. They came to Albany, New York, prior to their marriage, and were there married, coming thence to Berea, Cuyahoga county, entering the tract of land from the government on which Berea now stands. When the prospectors for the railroad came through to survey the land they managed to frighten the settlers away and secured their land at a nominal figure, and among them were the Murrays. They then came to Lucas county, in which the present York Township was included, entering in 1834 a tract of timber land. This they improved, made into a fine property, and it is now owned and occupied by their youngest son, Thomas C. Murray. The family did not settle on this property, however, until 1838, when they were brought here by boat to Toledo,

Ohio, and thence with oxen to their destination. The father died on this farm on January 18, 1872, the mother surviving him until March 14, 1888, when she, too, passed away. Their children were as follows: John, who was born March 13, 1835, died in November, 1883; Ellen, who died at the age of eighty years was Mrs. J. W. Wright; Mary, who died on June 25, 1900, was Mrs. Thomas Fraker; James W., who is deceased; Samuel, who lives at Delta, Ohio; Sarah, who was born on October 2, 1844, and died on June 24, 1900, was Mrs. D. D. Donahue; Robert N., whose name heads this review; Hugh, who is a farmer of York Township; Mathew, who died in 1915; Thomas, who is a farmer of York Township, and his twin sister, Katie, is Mrs. Nathan Wright, of Wauseon, Ohio.

On December 13, 1876, Robert N. Murray was married to Alice A. Du Maresz, born in York Township, a daughter of John and Margaret (McKay) Du Maresz, he born in the parish of Saint Saviour, Island of Guernsey, and she at Big Tree, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In 1834 Mr. Du Maresz came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was married, and there he lived until four children were born to him and his wife, when he went to Michigan, spent five years, and then located in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, where he died on September 15, 1892, being at that time eighty-three years of age, as he had been born on May 8, 1809. His wife died on April 11, 1889, aged seventy-four years, as she was born on July 1, 1814.

Following his marriage Robert N. Murray moved to an eighty acre farm, of which only twenty-three acres were cleared. On it was an old log house and a log barn. Mr. Murray began at once to thoroughly improve his place, erecting a large barn and a modern residence and other outbuildings. After the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Murray bought the Du Maresz homestead of eighty acres, which was ½ mile away from his own farm. This property was well improved, but he rebuilt the house, and conducted both farms until 1893, when he sold his original farm and went to Auburn Township, Rush county, Kansas, and bought 240 acres of land, all prairie. Mr. and Mrs. Murray spent ten months on this property, and then when he had things well started he left his son to conduct it and came back to Ohio, buying eighty acres of improved land in Swan Creek Township. In 1911 he bought thirty acres of improved land in the same township, and has made a number of improvements of all kinds on this property, rebuilding all of the structures and putting things in fine shape, although he continues to reside on his thirty-two acre farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray have become the parents of the following children: John D., who was born April 1, 1878, married Adelpha Verne Taber, and they have one daughter, Ardys Ruth, born September 10, 1909; and Mary Margaret, who was born in October, 1879, who is now Mrs. Claude L. Sturtevant, of Toledo, Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murray attended the district schools of their neighborhood, but they have added to their store of knowledge and are very well informed persons. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Swanton, Ohio, claims them as members. Mr. Murray is heartily in accord with the principles of the democratic party, and supports its candidates at each election. He is a Mason and belongs to Delta Lodge No. 248, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Delta Chapter No. 254, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a believer in the work of the Grange, and belongs to that organization operating under the name of Brailey Grange No. 1974. Having had a long and varied experience in different neighborhoods, Mr. Murray is one of the

leading farmers of this region, and his success has been fairly won through his own unaided efforts.

GEORGE HENRY HAYNES. While for many years a general farmer, Mr. Haynes lives on a place partly in the City of Swanton and partly on the outside, and therefore many of his interests and activities have been identified with that thriving commercial and industrial community.

Mr. Haynes was born in Spencer Township of Lucas county, Ohio, September 14, 1850, a son of Jacob and Nancy (Berry) Haynes. His father was a native of Virginia and came with his parents at an early date to Maumee, Ohio. Nancy Berry was born in New York state, and her father and mother, Peter and Mary Berry, natives of Vermont, came west in 1838. They traveled by the Erie Canal, by lake boat as far as Toledo, and were identified with the pioneer development of northern Ohio.

Jacob Haynes after his marriage settled in Spencer Township of Lucas county, and for many years worked as a saw mill operator. Soon after the birth of his son George Henry he moved to the little community of Ai in Fulton Township of Fulton county. He was employed by the different owners of the ashery at Ai, and later bought land, his last home farm being on Dutch Ridge. He died there in 1901, after a long life of usefulness and at the age of eighty-six. His widow passed away in 1913, aged eighty-five. They had a large family of children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Samantha, Mrs. Frank Beard, of Toledo; George Henry; Mary Jane, of Fulton Township; Eliza, deceased wife of William Stout; Nancy, Mrs. Andrew Strong, of Amboy Township; Arabella, Mrs. Eli Layman, of Fulton Township; Edward, of Toledo; Dora, wife of Ira Thompson, of Centerville, Swan Creek Township; and Minnie, Mrs. S. W. Sipe, of Amboy Township.

The early life of George Henry Haynes began on his father's farm in Fulton county, and he acquired a good knowledge of the branches usually taught in district schools. On December 14, 1874, at the age of twenty-four, he married Oliva Koder. Mrs. Haynes was born in Fulton Township January 24, 1852, a daughter of George and Mary (Stout) Koder. Her parents were born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and were numbered among the early settlers of Fulton Township. Her father while tilling the soil of his farm also exercised his skill as a casket maker a number of years. George Koder died August 16, 1881, at the age of seventy-four, and his wife on May 26, 1888, at sixty-seven.

After his marriage Mr. Haynes lived with his parents two years and then moved to Swan Creek Township and bought fifty acres in section 12. Only half of this acreage had been improved, and for many years succeeding Mr. Haynes exercised his strength and toil in putting the land under cultivation and improving it with modern buildings. He has done well as a general farmer, and has contributed much of the value to his land by his own management and effort. Thirteen acres of the farm are within the city limits of Swanton, and much of this has been sold off in town lots. Mr. Haynes also owns a quantity of wild prairie land in Ward county, North Dakota.

Enjoying the confidence of his fellow citizens, he has been a capable local official and served ten years as township treasurer of Swan Creek and ten terms as township trustee. He is a democrat in politics, is a member of the National Union at Toledo and is actively

affiliated with Lodge No. 526, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Swanton, having filled all the chairs in the Lodge, and also a member of the Encampment at Delta.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes had four children: Edgar E., born September 5, 1875, is now foreman in the shops of the Pilliod Valve Gear Company at Swanton. He married Elsie Knight, and their seven living children are named Hilda, Clifford, Dorman, Charles, Howard, Gerold and Cleora. The second child, Myrtle, is the wife of Edward Brinley, of Swanton, and has a daughter, Londa. William, who died at the age of twenty-five, married Orpha Wales and left one son, Kenneth. Laona, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Thomas Pilliod, of Swanton, and the mother of two children, named Emma and George.

Charles L. Allen, who served as a member of the advisory board for this History of Fulton County, has been identified with the business and community life of Fayette since prior to the Civil war, in which he took an honorable part as a soldier and Union officer.

Mr. Allen was born at Clarkson in Monroe county, New York, November 16, 1838, son of Isaac and Mary (Terry) Allen. His father was born at Enfield, Connecticut, April 26, 1794, where also his mother was born April 27, 1800. His father died in December, 1885, and his mother in 1876. Isaac Allen was a soldier of the War of 1812. In 1816 he located at Clarkson, New York. He was a hatter by trade, but seven years after his marriage, which was celebrated September 10, 1817, he became a farmer. He enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens and held many offices of trust and honor. The names of the children of Isaac and Mary Allen were: Chauncey, Isaac, Harriet, who married John Little, Mary, who became the wife of James S. Hobbie, Julia, who was Mrs. Gilbert Aldridge, Joseph O., Emily, who married Nathaniel Phillips, Henry, who served as captain of Company A of the One Hundred and Fortieth New York Infantry, Charles L. and Arthur. The only ones now living are Charles and Arthur, both residents of Fayette, Ohio.

Charles L. Allen acquired a very good education for his time. After the common schools he attended normal school at Brookport, New York, also an academy at Hawley, New York, and a business college at Rochester. He came to Fayette, Ohio, in 1859, at the age of twenty-one, and after one term as a teacher found a job clerking in a general store at eight dollars a month and board. The proprietor of that store was G. W. Thompson. He had not been enjoying this compensation and experience very long when the stern call of patriotic duty sounded, and in August, 1861, he left the counter to enlist in Company K of the Thirty-eighth Ohio Infantry. He was elected and mustered in as second lieutenant, and went with the Army of the Cumberland, participating in many campaigns through Kentucky, Tennessee and other states of the middle South. He was promoted to first lieutenant and quartermaster and finally to adjutant, serving as such until December, 1864, when he resigned his commission on account of disability and soon after his return to Fayette was commissioned captain and raised a company, but the war came to an end before it was ready for service. The war over, Captain Allen settled down at Fayette as a general merchant, and continued that business fifteen years. After that he bought and sold produce, but in 1880 closed out that business. In 1885 he became

one of the associates in the organization of the Bank of Fayette, his partners being Col. E. L. Barber, Arthur Allen and Judson Trobridge. Captain Allen was manager and cashier of the institution, and continued at that post of duty until the bank went into voluntary liquidation in 1913.

Captain Allen has long enjoyed the complete confidence of his community not only for his business ability but for his personal integrity. He served nine years as justice of the peace, as school examiner nine years, and was a member of the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth General Assemblies, and again was elected to the Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth General Assemblies, serving the second time without opposition. He is a stanch republican, and is a charter member of Fayette Lodge No. 387 of the Masons, acting as secretary of the lodge many years. Only two charter members are now living, James Grisut and C. L. Allen. He is also a member of the Loyal Legion, and is a past commander and present quartermaster of Stout Post No. 108, Grand Army of the Republic.

In October, 1865, Captain Allen married Susan C. Gamber. She was born in Seneca county, New York, daughter of Henry and Mary (Hartrenuft) Gamber. Her parents, natives of Pennsylvania, were settlers in Fulton county in 1847. Her father bought 160 acres of timbered land and set off part of this tract and founded the town of Fayette, which he named in honor of Fayette, New York. Captain Allen has two children: Carrie B., at home; and Elsie M., wife of Dr. Clair S. Campbell, a well known Wauseon physician. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell have one son, Charles Allen.

Frank Buck, of "Brookmead Stock Farm" in Amboy, is a native of Royalton. He is the only son of Charles S. and Matilda (Clendenin) Buck. While the father is a native of Amboy, the mother was born in Springfield Township, Lucas county. The paternal grandparents, Abner and Lucy (Norton) Buck, came from Massachusetts to Portage county, Ohio, in the early history of the country. In 1838 they moved to Fulton county, settling on the Royalton-Amboy line in Royalton. The next two generations of the Buck family were born there, Frank Buck's birth occurring March 24, 1880, and aside from a few years as a traveling salesman he has always been a resident of Fulton county.

The maternal ancestry, John and Phoebe Ann (Hackett) Clendenin, were also in Fulton county in territorial days, coming in 1844 to Amboy. He was from Livingston and she was from Rochester county, New York. The marriage of Charles S. Buck and Matilda Clendenin was solemnized April 11, 1872, and they immediately settled on a farm in Royalton. In 1894 they removed to Fayette, remaining there to educate their son, Frank Buck, and in 1897 they returned to the farm in Royalton.

Charles S. Buck was a Knight Templar and Thirty-second Degree Mason. He died March 18, 1915, and Mrs. Buck lives in Metamora. When he was seventeen Frank Buck graduated from the Fayette Normal School and the family returned to the farm, but in 1908 he became a general salesman through Ohio and part of Pennsylvania for the Kalamazoo Tank and Silo Company, continuing in this business five years. At this time he bought "Brookmead Stock Farm," and settled down to agriculture again.

Mr. Buck remodeled and added to the farm buildings until "Brookmead" is an attractive homestead. He has thoroughbred livestock and keeps the best of everything. He has registered Hol-

stein dairy cows, registered Spotted Poland-China hogs, pure bred Ancona and Mottled Java chickens, and carries on diversified farming, observing the proper crop rotation in order to maintain soil fertility.

On April 28, 1914, Mr. Buck married Anna Mary Carpenter. She is a daughter of James L. and Susan (Thompson) Carpenter, of Blissfield, Michigan. The father came from Pottsdam, New York, and the mother from Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Buck was educated in Blissfield and Adrian, taking a course in kindergarten at Adrian, and she taught in the Adrian public schools. Her father, James L. Carpenter, was a Civil war soldier, serving in the Seventh Michigan Cavalry. He enlisted as a lieutenant, was promoted to captain and came out of the service a major. The mother died January 27, 1902, and the father, September 29, 1909.

Mrs. Buck is a member of the Presbyterian Church. When she quit teaching she became a stenographer for the Continental Sugar Company of Blissfield. She was with the company four years. She is a member of the Eastern Star and of the Lucy Wolcott Barnum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Adrian. There are two sons in the family at "Brookmead," Charles Carpenter Buck, born June 28, 1915, and James Clendenin Buck, born March 15, 1918. They are in the fourth generation of the Buck family in Fulton county.

Charles Blaine. The Blaine family history began at Toledo as early as 1830, with the coming of Charles Blaine, Sr., from Onondago county, New York. Charles Blaine, Jr., of Amboy, was born November 1, 1847—territorial days in Fulton county, and he has always lived in the same community. His mother, Rachel (Beaulth) Blaine, was born in Sylvania. When they located in Amboy the whole face of the earth in as far as their environment went was in timber and under water.

Mr. Blaine entered a quarter section of land, which he cleared and improved, and he and his wife both died there. The children in this pioneer family are: Robert and Benjamin, deceased; Sarah, wife of George Havens, of Swan Creek; Elmina, wife of William Driscoll, of Royalton; James, of Wichita, Kansas; Charles, of this sketch; Marion, of East Toledo; Esther, deceased wife of William Stillwell; and Emma, wife of Thomas Stedman, of Amboy.

Let the mathematician estimate the age of a young man born November 1, 1847, who enlisted in the Union Army March 1, 1864. Charles Blaine enlisted in Company I, Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his regiment was assigned to duty at Chattanooga. He was in the Army of the Cumberland under Generals Sherman, Logan and Hagen, and he was in some of the hard fought engagements. He was at Missionary Ridge and Atlanta, and went with General Sherman "from Atlanta to the Sea while marching through Georgia."

Mr. Blaine was in different engagements in South Carolina and went with his regiment to Raleigh, North Carolina, being there when Johnston surrendered, and he also witnessed General Lee's surrender. He went to Petersburg, Richmond, and on to Washington. He was in Washington at the time of the Grand Review, as the soldiers were disbanding and being sent to their homes all about the country. He went from Washington to Parkersburg and down the Ohio River to Louisville. After camping five days in Louisville he went to Little Rock, where he remained four weeks, and from there

to Camp Denison, where he received his discharge August 11, 1865, and returned to Fulton county.

On February 3, 1867, Mr. Blaine married Esther Roop, a daughter of William and Lauretta (Gilson) Roop, of Amboy. The father was born in Toledo and the mother in Vermont. The paternal ancestry, John and Mary (Mills) Roop, came from Buffalo, New York, and Sandusky, Ohio. The maternal grandparents, Alfred and Jane (McAllister) Gilson, came from Vermont.

When Charles Blaine was married he settled on forty acres he had acquired, and remained there ten years clearing and improving it. When he sold it he bought fifty acres of his present farm, when it was all in timber and he had to clear the space for the first house built on it. He now has thirty-five acres under cultivation, the remainder in wood land and pasture.

In the way of business enterprise Mr. Blaine owned and operated a cane mill when people lived on sorghum molasses, and as the orchards came into bearing he added the cider mill. He made sorghum molasses and cider for the public until 1902, and he continued in the saw mill business until 1917, when he disposed of it. There was little demand for sorghum and with the destruction of the forest the orchards had more enemies and there were fewer apples for cider. However, the cane mill industry revived in war times in some communities. Sorghum molasses was often substituted for sugar.

Mr. Blaine has added to his landed possessions until he now has 213 acres in three different places, and he personally manages the 120 acres in the farmstead where he lives. He combines livestock production with farming and keeps a dairy. The dairy farmer maintains soil fertility and thereby increases the land production. His children are: Ina, wife of Frank Carter, of Amboy; Charles Ernest, of Delta; Van Harry, of Constantine, Michigan; and Myrtle, wife of Emmet Wilcox, of Amboy.

For six years Mr. Blaine served as trustee of Amboy Township, and as path master fourteen years. Some of the family ancestry were among the earliest citizens of Fulton county. John Roop, William Blaine, Alfred Gilson and Aaron Stedman were pioneers of the community. The Blaines are members of Amboy Grange, and Mr. Blaine is a member of Baxter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lyons. He is vice commander and has held all of the chairs except treasurer of the Post.

A birthright pioneer of Fulton county, one of the youngest surviving veterans of the great Civil war, a farmer and promoter of home industry, these and other services have made Mr. Blaine one of the most interesting and useful citizens of the county, and he well deserves the respect and high esteem in which he is held by the members of his community.

Jacob W. Hable has a family story in common with others of the same name, being a son of Jacob and Mary Elizabeth (Mohr) Hable, the parents having come from Germany. The father died in 1916, and the mother became the wife of Jacob Leibler. The children of the first family are: Adam, Daniel and Jacob. The Leibler children are Peter and Meda.

In 1888 Jacob W. Hable married Mary Krieger. She died three years later. On November 4, 1915, he married Ermina Knecht, who was born in Switzerland. She had come to America in 1913, and two years later she became the wife of Mr. Hable.

Mr. Hable had bought a farm in Fulton before his first mar-

riage, and later he bought forty-three acres from the old homestead in Amboy where he was raised, and he has always farmed it. Since 1897 he has bought livestock and poultry, which he has butchered and marketed in Toledo.

Mr. Hable has two children, Walter Emerson and Leslie Paul. Mr. Hable is independent in politics, choosing to vote for the man. He is a member of Zion Reformed Church, and for several years he has been one of its trustees.

KIMMEL KYPER WATKINS. The Watkins family story embraces several Ohio counties, Kimmel Kyper Watkins, of Fulton Township, having been born June 16, 1859, in Lorain county. He is a son of James Holiday and Nancy (Kimmel) Watkins. The father was born in Wayne county and the mother in Somerset county. They married in Wayne and in 1850 they moved to Lorain, and three years later they removed to Fulton county, locating in Swan Creek Township. They cleared a farm, and a few years later they bought a timber tract in York Township. He died in 1893 and she died in 1903—ten years later.

There were ten children in the Watkins family: Milton, Oliver, John, Sarah, Mary, William, and Ella, deceased, Kimmel K. of this sketch, George, who lives in Swanton and Frank in Toledo. When Mr. Watkins was thirteen he began working by the month, doing for himself. On July 16, 1884, he married Tillie J. Richardson, of Swan Creek. She is a daughter of George H. and Laura (Blake) Richardson. After two years in Fulton Township Mr. Watkins removed to Kane county, Illinois, where he worked as a broom maker and by the month on farms for four years.

When Mr. Watkins returned to Fulton county he rented land from 1892 until 1910, when he bought sixty acres where he has since lived, although since 1918 a son works the farm. The children are : Earl, who works the farm; Ethel, deceased; Opal, wife of George Mason, of Pike; Ross, of Pike, married Fern Sheffield; Orra, who was married February 7, 1920, to Florence Bruner; and Dorr, at home. The family are Methodists. Mr. Watkins is a republican, and he is a justice of the peace. He has been school director and township trustee. He belongs to Berry Grange at Ai.

This is a brief reference to one of the families and one of the individuals who have played an earnest and hard working part in the affairs of Fulton county for many years. It is a well known fact that in America success can be achieved by men who begin life without capital, and a case in point is that of Mr. Watkins, who had no other assets than a trade and the qualifications of industry and skill as a farm worker, and raised himself through the successive stages of farm hand and farm tenant to independent ownership of a good country home and a place of influence in his community.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HALSEY. In the days when there was plenty of land that was unoccupied which could be secured from the government at a nominal fee, no attention was paid to those portions which were without a good natural drainage, as it was thought they were worthless. As time went on, however, and there were less opportunities for obtaining cheap land, the more thoughtful turned their attention toward these hitherto neglected portions, and have found that when they are properly drained they are much more fertile and, therefore, valuable than the land located higher above the water line. One of the men of Fulton county who now owns a very

valuable property and has redeemed a good part of it, having the satisfaction of knowing that he owes his present prosperity to his energy and far-sightedness, is Thomas Jefferson Halsey of Delta, owner of a farm in Swan Creek Township.

Thomas Jefferson Halsey was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on June 29, 1851, a son of Isaiah and Rebecca (Wells) Halsey, and grandson of Samuel and Abigail Halsey, natives of New Jersey, and William and Sarah Wells, natives of Holmes county, Ohio. Isaiah Halsey was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1808, and by a first marriage he had four children, namely: Jane, Catherine and Jonas, all of whom are deceased; and John, who is a resident of Wood county, Ohio. After the death of his first wife he was married to Rebecca Wells, and they settled in Fulton Township, Fulton county, when Thomas Jefferson was six weeks old. In 1871 they went to York Township, which was their final home, both being seventy-seven years old at the time of death. Their children were as follows: Henrietta, who is Mrs. Henry Gunn, of Toledo, Ohio; Lydia, who was Mrs. Austin Batdorf, is deceased; Thomas Jefferson, who was the third in order of birth; Marion and Harvey, both of whom died in Michigan; Sophronia, who is the widow of Alfred Harrison, of Toledo, Ohio; and Minnie, who was Mrs. William Pennington, is deceased.

Thomas Jefferson Halsey was reared in Fulton county and attended its district schools. He grew up on his father's farm, remaining at home until he attained his majority. He was married on June 28, 1871, to Sarah Norris, born in Hancock county, Ohio. After their marriage he and his wife rented land in York Township, one year farming on shares and the next paying a regular amount of rent. In 1873, Mrs. Halsey died, and Mr. Halsey was subsequently married to Ellen E. Carter, born in Swan Creek Township, a daughter of Solomon and Lucinda (Cass) Carter, he a native of Ravena, Ohio, and she of Canada. Following this second marriage Mr. Halsey bought forty acres of land in Amboy Township, which he cleared and made his home for nineteen years. Selling that farm, he bought 110 acres of land in Swan Creek Township. The greater part of this land was cutover timber, and he cleared it off, improved it, and has always been engaged in farming with the exception of one year when he owned and operated a hotel at Swanton, Ohio, which was in 1889. In 1910 Mr. Halsey bought a residence at Delta, where he is now living. On his farm he has a ditch 114 rods long, 10 feet deep, and from 55 to 60 feet wide at the top, which was originally covered with brush, willows and other marshy growths. To open this channel he and his wife worked 1½ days at the end of July and seventeen days in August, and then had the assistance of Lee Richards in completing the work. This portion of Swan Creek is now as clean as a city pavement, and by means of it much land otherwise worthless has been brought under cultivation.

The first Mrs. Halsey left one child at her death, George William, but he died in infancy. By his second marriage Mr. Halsey had the following children: Eben B., who died at the age of forty-two years; Lucinda, who was first married to Louis Meeker, and she is now Mrs. John Crow, of Detroit, Michigan; Lewis, who is on the home farm; William E., who is a resident of Delta; Rosa, who is Mrs. Christopher Smith of Delta, Ohio; Isaiah, who lives in Toledo, Ohio; and Esta and Sarah, both deceased.

While he is a member of the United Brethren Church, Mr. Halsey belongs to the more liberal branch of that denomination. He

is a strong republican, and has served as township trustee and road supervisor. A man of broad vision, Mr. Halsey has long recognized the desirability of having good roads in Fulton county, and has worked hard to secure them for his neighborhood. At first it was somewhat difficult to get some of his associates to agree with his views on the question, but of late years the "goods roads" movement has gained a popularity that is nationwide, and Fulton county is not backward in taking up the matter. In many ways Mr. Halsey has proven himself a public-spirited man, and he is recognized as one of the leading citizens of this part of the county.

William B. Pontious. The name of Pontious is a well known one in Fulton county, and several of its representatives have developed fine farms in different portions of it, and assisted in establishing the agricultural prestige of this part of the state. William B. Pontious, who is the father of McClellan Pontious of Pike Township, was born in his present township in 1857 and is now one of its leading farmers and dairymen. He is a son of David and Lucy Ann (Drake) Pontious, natives of Pennsylvania and Belmont county, Ohio, respectively, and grandson of Samuel Pontious, a native of Pennsylvania. Both the Pontious and Drake families came at an early day to Pickaway county, Ohio, where David Pontious and Lucy Ann Drake were married.

Soon after their marriage David Pontious and his wife moved to Fulton Township and bought unimproved land in the timber. There they worked hard to clear off their land and improve it, and there they lived for about thirty-five years, when they retired and spent their last years at Wauseon, where both passed away. During the war between the states David Pontious served as a soldier in the Union Army, belonging to the Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in it for 3½ years, after which he received his honorable discharge, and resumed his peaceful occupation of farming. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: William B., who was the eldest; Homer, who lives at Detroit, Michigan; Dillie, who is Mrs. William Orndorf, of Toledo, Ohio; Lydia, who is Mrs. John Taner, of Napoleon, Ohio; Charles, who is a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

On March 25, 1879, William B. Pontious was united in marriage with Patience Snow, born in Holmes county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Cassander (Curtis) Snow. Mr. and Mrs. Pontious became the parents of children as follows: McClellan, who is a prosperous farmer of Pike Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Maude, who is the widow of Edward G. Hines, lives with her father; and Ernest, who died at the age of two years.

Following his marriage William B. Pontious rented land in different sections for twenty years, and then he bought fifty acres in section 7, York Township, on which there was standing an old log house and several outbuildings as the sole improvements. Since purchasing the place Mr. Pontious has made some very valuable improvements, having at present a modern residence, barn and other structures; his fields are well fenced and his land thoroughly drained. He has always been a general farmer, stockraiser and dairyman, and is carrying on these industries with marked success.

Having attended the little cross roads schoolhouse during his childhood and youth, Mr. Pontious has felt that the children of the present generation ought to be given better advantages than were accorded those of his day, and has supported measures looking to

the improvement of the public schools in his county. He has been very active in the Evangelical Church in his neighborhood, serving it as a member of the choir and as superintendent of the Sunday school at different times. From the time he cast his first vote Mr. Pontious has been a republican, and is still a strong supporter of its principles and proud of its history. Both he and Mrs. Pontious are very highly respected and looked up to in their neighborhood, and their influence has always been cast in favor of those measures which have had for their object the general betterment of the moral standard and advancement of the people.

Amos Harmon. The late Amos Harmon is commemorated in the Fulton County History by Mrs. Lucelia Tedrow Harmon of Delta. Mr. Harmon was born September 2, 1850, in Holmes county, and he died June 21, 1901, at the family homestead in Pike Township. He was a son of Samuel and Catharine Harmon, natives of Holmes county. However, they became early settlers in Pike Township, Fulton county.

Samuel Harmon died, and Catharine Harmon was afterward married to David Fye, and they moved to Toledo. Amos Harmon married May 6, 1876, Lucelia Tedrow, of York Township. She was born January 22, 1854, daughter of John and Mary (Coffman) Tedrow. They were also from Holmes county, and were early settlers in Fulton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon took up their residence on the Harmon farm in Pike Township, and in time they became owners of part of it. They remained there as long as he lived, and in 1907 Mrs. Harmon purchased an acre of ground on the north edge of Delta. Orla Clarence, the oldest child, died in infancy. Marion Le Roy, of Delta, married Flossie Donald. Their two sons are Donald and James. Alta is the wife of Charles Mack. She has an adopted daughter, Margie Lucile. Arthur Daniel Harmon had his military training at Camp Taylor. He lives with his mother in Delta.

While his life was comparatively brief as measured by his span of years, the late Amos Harmon accomplished most of those things that are properly found in a career of greater length. He lived industriously and honorably, by hard effort earned a competence, and provided well for his family, so that his children and descendants and his many friends can hold his memory in high esteem.

John A. Wilkins, M. D., well-regarded physician of Delta, Ohio, who for more than forty-five years has been in successful professional practice in that section of Fulton county, has a life record which is well worthy of good place in this edition of Fulton County History. He holds the baccalaureate degree of Denison University, and the medical degree of Starling Medical College; he enlisted as private, very soon after the outbreak of Civil war in 1861, was in many battles, was injured, and finally, in September, 1865, was discharged with the rank of staff colonel; he has been surgeon-general of the Grand Army of the Republic; he has been a state senator; and his place among his professional confreres is clearely indicated by his election to the office of president of the Ohio State Medical Society, and also the Northwestern Ohio Medical Society.

Dr. John A. Wilkins was born in Licking county, Ohio, on May 1, 1844, the son of Archibald and Mary (Robinson) Wilkins, and is of Scottish origin, in the paternal line, and of Irish antecedents, in the maternal line, his father having been born in Scotland, and

his mother in Ireland. Archibald Wilkins and Mary Robinson married in Ireland, and soon afterwards came to America, being of record in Licking county, Ohio, in about, 1840. Archibald Wilkins was a weaver when he lived in Scotland, but after having emigrated he took up the customary occupations of the pioneer, clearing much land, and eventually owning a well improved and rich agricultural property in Licking county, Ohio, where he died in 1864. His wife, however, lived a widowhood of more than forty years, attaining the remarkable age of one hundred and seven years, and, more remarkable still, retaining her faculties comparatively lucid and unimpaired until the last years of her life. Mary (Robinson) Wilkins was born on September 29, 1799, and died in 1906, at Remington, Indiana.

John A. Wilkins, son of Archibald and Mary (Robinson) Wilkins, was educated in the public schools of Licking county, Ohio, and eventually entered Denison University, Granville, of Licking county. He was only sixteen years old when the Civil war began, and he immediately cast all else aside, enlisting as a private in Company B, of the Seventeenth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on April 24, 1861, re-enlisting on December 6, 1861, in Company H, of the Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. One interesting incident of his early military experience was when he was detailed, as a sergeant, to arrest several men who had failed to answer the call to military service. He promptly effected their arrest, and apparently so expeditiously executed his orders that he was cited in company orders and given a written testimonial by his captain. Young Wilkins saw much of the major fighting with his regiment, and was a member of the staffs of Generals Woods and Osterhaus, during the four years of the war; he served under General Woods in Tennessee in 1862 and 1863; was under General Osterhaus in Arkansas in the winter of 1862; and ultimately took part in General Sherman's southern campaign. Among the major battles in which he participated were: the battle of Shiloh, or as it is sometimes called, of Pittsburg Landing, in Tennessee, April 6-7, 1862, when the Union Army under Generals Sherman and Prentiss had to withstand the sudden attack of almost twice their number of Confederate forces under General Johnston, the two days of battle resulting in the discomfiture and retreat of the Confederate Army, but at a loss to the Union forces of more than twelve thousand men, out of 45,000 engaged; in the fighting before Fort Donelson, on the Tennessee River, where Grant's now famous reply to the besieged Confederate general, who offered to capitulate on terms: "No terms other than unconditional surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works" eventually caused Gen. U. S. Grant to be called "Unconditional Surrender Grant"; the capture of Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863; the siege of Corinth, Mississippi, and the subsequent attempt of the Confederates to capture the place on October 3, 1863; the six weeks' siege of Vicksburg, which was terminated by a complete surrender of the Confederate garrison on the same day that crowned the equally memorable and hard-fought three days' battle of Gettysburg; battle of Chickamauga, September 19-20, 1863, when the Army of the Cumberland, under General Rosecrans, sustained such losses, almost sixteen thousand out of 45,000 engaged, that General Rosecrans was relieved and General Grant placed in command; and several other less important engagements. Wilkins passed through all the fighting without se-

rious hurt, excepting once, when his horse was shot under him, in a skirmish near Kenesaw, and in falling badly crushed his left leg. At that time, he held the rank of first sergeant, and was on staff duty, but when he was eventually discharged, in September, 1865, he had attained the rank of staff colonel. The war record of Doctor Wilkins was therefore notable and noteworthy.

His father had died a year or so prior to his discharge from the military forces, so that as soon as he was released from service, Colonel Wilkins returned home, and, with what money he had, cleared the mortgage that still remained on his mother's farm, in Licking county, Ohio. Leaving her thus released from worry, he took employment with the Pan Handle Railroad Company, resolving to work thus so long as was necessary to give him the money wherewith to complete his education, and take a course in medicine. He was evidently a man of much steadiness of purpose, and his record shows that he graduated from Denison University in 1867, and from Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, in 1873. What his financial struggles were between 1865 and 1873, when he had reached the full consummation of his aim and had graduated as a Doctor of Medicine, only he knows to the full, but it may be inferred that at many times during the period he was so circumstanced that only by the exercise of strong determination could he continue to pursue his studies. However he reached the day when he had gained the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and had the right to practice that profession. Soon afterwards, he came to Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, and there set up in practice; and there he has since continued to practice, the long period of such service to the people of Fulton county bringing him enviable professional repute. Among professional men, he is widely known throughout the state, and has been honored by them by election to the presidency of the Ohio State Medical Society. He has also held like capacity in the Northwestern Ohio Medical Society.

He has been prominently identified with the functioning of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has held high office in that organization of veterans, having been elected surgeon-general, at Chicago, on August 30, 1900, and re-elected at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1901.

Throughout his life he has been a staunch democrat, and at one time, before his professional practice became so extensive as to require almost his whole time, he took a leading part in political movements in his county. For two terms he sat in the state senate, having been elected state senator in 1879. As such, he served in the senate for two years under Governor Bushnell, and a like period under Governor Nash.

Fraternally, Doctor Wilkins belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to Masonic bodies. He has been an Odd Fellow since 1864, has been through all the chairs of the branch with which he is affiliated, and he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Delta, to a Toledo commandry, and has been a member of the local consistory of Masons since 1882. At one time he was coroner of Fulton county.

In May, 1873, Doctor Wilkins married Ruth Rebecca Shull, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a posthumous child, her father having been killed before her birth. Doctor and Mrs. Wilkins have therefore almost reached the year in which they may celebrate their golden wedding. They have two children: Archie M., who has

his medical degree, and is in practice with his father in Delta, Ohio; George B., who is in Toledo, Ohio.

Archibald M. Wilkins, M. D., a graduate in medicine of the Toledo Medical College, 1898, and a graduate also of special courses at the New York Post Graduate Medical College and Hospital, the largest post-graduate medical school in the world, has been in general practice in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, since 1905, and has had several other professional associations of consequence during his active medical career. He has served as an army surgeon during three campaigns—Spanish-American, 1898-99, the Philippine, 1901-5, and the French campaign, 1917-19, ten months of hard service in France gaining him promotion to the military rank of major. He has been medical examiner in Fulton county; for the Industrial Commission of the State of Ohio; and was elected coroner of the county. So that the last two decades of his life have been well filled.

He is a native of Delta, Fulton county, born in that place on June 29, 1874, the son of Dr. John A. Wilkins, a prominent physician of Delta, and a Civil war veteran of worthy record. His life work has been the subject of a special article written for this edition of Fulton County History, and further reference is therefore not here necessary. Major Archibald M. Wilkins grew to manhood in Delta, attended the elementary and high schools of the place, and, having resolved to also take up the same profession as that his father followed, eventually became a student at the Toledo Medical College, from which in 1898 he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduation he was in private practice with his father in Delta for a while, and served an interneship in a United States Army hospital, in 1901 going to the Philippines as a contract surgeon of the United States Army. Upon his return he applied himself to special post-graduate research in some branches of medical science, going for the purpose to what is probably the best post-graduate school in the country, the New York Post-Gradaute School and Hospital, the pioneer post-graduate medical school in the world, and the largest, its faculty and corps of assistant and adjunct professors and instructors consisting of more than three hundred of the most eminent medical specialists in the country. Eventually, in 1905, Doctor Wilkins settled to steady general practice in his home town, Delta, gradually becoming properly established in extensive practice throughout the section of the county, and as time went on forming various outside professional connections. He served as medical examiner for Fulton county on the Industrial Commission for the State of Ohio in 1913, and in 1914 was elected coroner of Fulton county, being re-elected in 1916. His medical service in the United States Army during the Philippine campaign, following the Spanish-American war, developed in him an interest in military matters, and in 1911 he accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and in June, 1917, following the declaration of a state of war with Germany, he was called to active service. In November following he was promoted to the grade of captain, and between that date and February 17, 1919, when he was promoted major, he saw very interesting and strenuous service on the French front. He received honorable discharge in March, 1919, and soon afterward returned to Delta and resumed his private practice. On January 20, 1920, he was commissioned major of the Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army.

Politically Doctor Wilkins is a democrat. He is a Mason and belongs to other fraternal organizations, including the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

He was married on October 23, 1900, to Bertha E. Morris, and they have had three children, although only one is now living. Robert Archibald, who was born on October 30, 1907.

Robert Blaine, who for more than twenty years was a resident of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, and to whom death came in that town on January 19, 1918, came of a family which is placed among the pioneer families of Amboy Township, Fulton county, and which has a notable record of national service during the Civil war, Robert Blaine and his four brothers all having served in the Union Army. Robert Blaine himself also should be classed among the pioneers of the county, for during his active lifetime, which with the exception of his years of war service was spent almost wholly in Fulton county, he cleared a large acreage of wild land, converting the unproductive wilderness into tillable agricultural land. It is by such pioneering efforts as that of Robert Blaine that Fulton county became the productive agricultural district it is; and it was by such wholehearted personal service as that of Robert Blaine and his four brothers that the cause of the Union and of the southern slave ultimately triumphed in the severe and prolonged Civil war.

Robert Blaine was born in Amboy Township, Fulton county, Ohio, August 7, 1837, the son of Charles and Rachel (Bertholf) Blaine. The Blaine family was in colonial days resident in New York state, and Charles Blaine and his wife were both born in that state, although it appears that soon after marriage they settled on wild land in Amboy Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in which township all their children were born, including the five sons whose patriotic war service brought to the family such an enviable record. Charles and Rachel (Bertholf) Blaine were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, five of whom are still living. The surviving children are: Charles, who lives in Amboy Township; James, now of Wichita, Kansas; Marion, of Toledo, Ohio; Elmina, who married William Driscoll, of Amboy Township; and Emily, who married Thomas Stedman, of Amboy Township, and lives in the old Blaine homestead in that township.

Robert Blaine, born and reared in Amboy Township, attended the district school nearest to his father's farm, although the school term in those days was short, the vacation extending through practically the whole of the growing season, during which Robert as a boy did much agricultural work. When he finally left school he took good part with his brothers in the work of the home farm, which was for the most part timber land. He married when he was twenty-one years old, and after taking this step he also began to farm independently, but the farm to which he took his wife was at that time all wild timber land, with just sufficient cleared space to permit of the erection of a log cabin. The early married life of Robert Blaine and his wife was passed under the rigorous conditions of the pioneer. But he was a sturdy pioneer, and during the next few years cleared quite a satisfactory acreage of his farm. He had been married four years when a momentous question came to them for decision. They decided, and the outcome was the enlistment of the husband as a soldier in the Union Army for the term of the Civil war. Some of his brothers had already gone into the service,

and all had decided to enlist. Robert enlisted in the spring of 1863, in Company I of the Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Army of the Cumberland, and as such took part in the southern campaign of General Sherman, including Sherman's famous march through Georgia to the sea. Robert Blaine served until after the termination of hostilities in 1865, and having received honorable discharge he returned soon afterward to his native county and township and again took up the task of clearing his eighty acre farm. This eventually he accomplished, with forty acres additional, so that he ultimately possessed a fine tract of tillable soil, upon which he and his family lived until 1894, when he had reached a state of material wealth to enable him to retire from agricultural work. He rented his farm to another, and went with his wife into Delta, building a fine home in the village, and there residing in comfortable circumstances until his death, January 19, 1918. The expressions of sympathy his widow received at that time clearly indicated the respect in which her husband was held in the village of Delta, and in their native township. Mr. Blaine lived a worthy, helpful and unselfish life. He took good part in the public responsibilities of the township, serving for twelve years as justice of the peace, two years as assessor, and at one time was township trustee and a member of the School Board. Politically Mr. Blaine was a republican, and at one time was a factor of some consequence in political movements in Amboy Township. He belonged to the Delta Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was an active Mason, belonging to the Delta Blue Lodge and Chapter. Religiously he was a Methodist, a member of the local churches and an active church worker in his younger days. In fact, when he lived in Amboy Township he always served as steward of his church.

Robert Blaine married on July 4, 1859, Laura M. Robb, who had been born in Medina, Ohio, but had lived in Amboy Township for about four years with her parents before she and Robert Blaine married. Her parents were Nathaniel and Calista (Parent) Robb, the former a native of New Hampshire and her mother of Ithaca, New York. Her parents had married in New York state, but had early come into Medina county, Ohio, of which county they are among the pioneers, and in 1855 moved into Amboy Township of Fulton county, where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Robert and Laura M. (Robb) Blaine lived a praiseworthy married life to within eighteen months of fifty years. Mrs. Blaine still lives in Delta, where she has many sincere friends. She is in comparatively good health, is comfortably circumstanced, and has the solicitude of many true friends. She owns sixty acres of her late husband's farm in Amboy Township, which property is in the hands of a reliable tenant. Robert and Laura M. (Robb) Blaine were the parents of two children: Viola, who is the widow of William Carter, who for the greater part of his life was a resident in Delta, where his widow still lives, near her mother; and Ella, who married Frank Penny, of Metamora, Fulton county.

George Washington Cupp, whose death occurred September 18, 1919, at his home in Delta, had an experience as varied as comes to most men who were born as long ago as February 4, 1835, he having lived many years before the time of greatest material development and through the thickest of the changes in modern civilization. He was a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Messmore) Cupp, the father an Ohio man and the mother a West Virginia woman.

Mr. Cupp lived fifteen years in the first half of the nineteenth century. In his time he lived at different places in Ohio.

While the Cupp family first settled in Fairfield they soon moved to Wood county in 1840, where Philip Cupp bought forty acres in timber and cleared it. In his young manhood G. W. Cupp became a substitute Civil war soldier in Company F, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in the fall of 1863 he went on a foraging expedition through Kentucky. While on a march from Hillsboro, Tennessee, his regiment was sent to Bowling Green, Kentucky, on account of the condition of the roads, and July 8, 1864, his time of service expired and he was discharged from the army. He had been nine months in the service.

Mr. Cupp returned to his little farm in Wood county, but after one year as a farmer he engaged in a grocery business for two years in Jerry City. He then sold his land and business and came to Swan Creek in Fulton county. He bought sixty acres of cleared land and lived on it twelve years before he came to Delta. Aside from one year in Wauseon, Mr. Cupp continued his home in Delta.

On September 4, 1859, Mr. Cupp married Hannah Baird. She is a daughter of Ira and Rebecca Baird and lived in Wood county. Their children are as follows: Willametta Clara, who died at the age of thirteen years; Rebecca Viola; Willis Irving, who lives at Prairie Depot, Wood county, Ohio; Ulysses S. lives in Wood county; Ora died at the age of four years; and Lydia died in Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1919.

Mrs. Hannah (Baird) Cupp died October 2, 1874, and Mr. Cupp married Elizabeth Wimer, of Wood county. She was a daughter of Moses Wimer. They had two children: Bert, of Sygnet, Wood county, and Harriet, who died at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. Elizabeth (Wimer) Cupp died October 15, 1895, and Mr. Cupp married Mrs. Leah Tefft, a widow with four sons and three daughters. When Mrs. Leah (Tefft) Cupp died Mr. Cupp married Mrs. Sarah Alice Clark, a widow with three children. With his own children and the step-children Mr. Cupp was the head of a large family in Fulton county. He is survived by Mrs. Cupp and five of his children.

His school days dated back to primitive conditons—the log school house with greased paper windows. He voted with the republican party. He was a member of the Church of God, and of McQuillan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 171 in Delta. He served as post-commander, and was among the oldest members.

Stephen Edgar Hinkle. While the immediate ancestry of Stephen Edgar Hinkle of Royalton came from York state, they were early settlers in Fulton county. Mr. Hinkle was born in Royalton April 10, 1853, a son of Ephraim and Susan (Houghton) Hinkle, the father from Cayuga and the mother from Rensselaer county, New York. The grandparents, John and Mercy (Reed) Hinkle, had come early to Fulton county. Stephen and Hulda (Smith) Houghton, in the maternal ancestry, had removed from New York to the site of Toledo, and lived there many years before there was a city.

John Hinkle, the man who brought the family name to Fulton county, entered 240 acres of wild land and later he secured 400 acres where Lyons now stands, part of it having been platted for the town. When the Houghton ancestry settled in what is now Amboy they entered 240 acres of wild land, and before coming to Fulton county they had entered a half section of land in what is now Toledo. This proved an excellent investment.

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN E. HINKLE

On April 10, 1872, S. E. Hinkle married Hattie Cass, of Maumee. She was born March 12, 1853, a daughter of Joseph G. and Mary Ellen (Wilson) Cass. Her father came from New Hampshire while her mother was from Coshocton county. Her grandfather, Barnard Cass, was among the early residents of Maumee. Mr. Hinkle brought his bride to the home of his parents, and then located on an eighty acre farm west of Lyons, remaining there three years. From there he moved to Washington Township, Lucas county, remaining seven years.

When Mr. Hinkle returned to Fulton county he bought out the heirs to the family homestead, and another eighty acre place. He laid out Plainfield addition to Lyons, and sold out some of the lots, and he still owns lots and some improved property there. On the farm Mr. Hinkle always has from twenty to thirty head of grade Holstein dairy cows, and the milk business is a profitable industry.

The children are: Ephraim C., who met death on a railroad, had married Georgia Ferguson, and they had two sons, Kenneth and Ray, who live in Detroit; Philena is the wife of Houghton Ferguson of Toledo and her children are: Harry L. and Keron, the last named, deceased; Herbert H. lives in Royalton; Stephen Eugene, of Royalton, married Ina Disbrow and has one child, Clare; Homer B. married Emma Mallendick (deceased) and he lives with his parents.

Mr. Hinkle supplemented his education in common school at the Toledo High School and at Maumee. His wife attended Maumee Seminary. In politics he is a republican, and he has served as a councilman in Lyons. The family belongs to the Universalist Church, and Mr. Hinkle has served as a trustee for many years. The organization of the Universalist Church of Lyons was completed by Rev. Samuel Binns, in 1867 with thirty-four charter members. A church was built and dedicated in October, 1868. In the year 1904, under the pastorate of Rev. G. H. Ashworth, this church was remodeled with beautiful memorial windows. Mr. Hinkle is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 622 of Lyons, and has passed all of the chairs. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle are Rebekahs.

It is evident from what has been said above that one of the most useful members of the pioneer Hinkle family has been Stephen Edgar. While due recognition is given to the work and influence of his father and grandfather in the county, Mr. Hinkle has exercised a great energy of his own, and has built both wisely and well on the foundation which was prepared for his own career. Farming, town building and public spirit in all his relations have been prominent features in his life, and his activities and character deserve the memory of the future.

Samuel Erastus Merrill. The late Samuel Erastus Merrill was closely associated with the agricultural interests of Fulton county, and during his lifetime became the owner of a fine farm in Swan Creek Township that is now operated by his widow and sons. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on June 24, 1851, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Mardis) Merrill, natives of New Hampshire, who moved to Ohio after their marriage, and all of their children were born in the latter state. Not long after the close of the war between the states Joseph Merrill went to Franklin county, Ohio, and still later located in Putnam county, Ohio.

Samuel Erastus Merrill was reared to be a farmer and attended

the district schools during his boyhood. On May 24, 1887, he was married to Mary F. Beavers, born in Franklin county, Ohio, on January 6, 1867, a daughter of James and Sarah (Lane) Beavers, natives of Franklin county, Ohio. The grandparents, Thomas and Sarah (Beavers) Beavers, were also natives of Ohio, and the maternal grandparents, William and Mary (Athy) Lane, were born in Fairfield county, Ohio.

Following his marriage Mr. Merrill moved to Henry county, Ohio, where he first leased a farm, but later bought one and conducted it until 1892, when he came to Fulton county, and spent two years in Swan Creek Township. He then bought a farm in Putnam county, Ohio, and lived on it for two years, or until he sold it, at which time he came back to Swan Creek Township, buying the seventy-nine acre farm now owned by his heirs, and on it he passed away on December 2, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill became the parents of the following children: Jennie L., who is Mrs. Michael B. Smith, of Swan Creek Township; James Harrison, of Ottawa county, Ohio, married Grace Masters, and they have one daughter, Frances Emma; Bertha, who is Mrs. Otto Conklin, of Swan Creek Township, has one daughter, Erma; Francis C., who is now at home, is a veteran of the great war, having served as a member of Company M, Three Hundred and Fifty-sixth Infantry in France and also in the Army of Occupation in Germany; Goldie Vivian, who is Mrs. Ray Watkins, of Swan Creek Township; and Florie M. and Harlow R., who are assisting their mother in conducting the homestead. Mr. Merrill had two children by a former marriage, namely: Emmit Le Roy, who married Mary Westcott, has three children, Orrin, Lenora and Harold; and Ira Elmo, who married Gertrude Haguewood, has two children, Hilbert and Maxine. Mrs. Ray Watkins has two children, Eudora and an infant son.

In his religious views Mr. Merrill was a United Brethren, and his widow belongs to the radical branch of that society. A strong republican, Mr. Merrill always gave an active support to the candidates and principles of his party, but did not care to hold office. He was an upright, honorable and conscientious man, who if he asked much of others was always willing to live up to his requirements himself. A hard worker, he accumulated a nice property, and earned the respect of his fellow citizens to such an extent that his death was regarded as a distinct loss to his community.

Charles Johnson. The late Charles Johnson, of Swan Creek Township, always voted the democratic ticket, and for many years he was a deacon in the Christian Church, of which Mrs. Johnson is a member today. He was a son of John and Cynthia (Saulsbury) Johnson, and was born January 6, 1841, in York Township. He died March 18, 1886, at the age of forty-five years. The Johnson family were early settlers in Fulton county.

In May, 1862, Mr. Johnson married Amanda M. Pierce, of Indianapolis. She is a daughter of Eber and Betsey (Vandalium) Pierce. They resided in Stark county, Indiana, until the fall of 1864, when they moved to York Township. In 1883 they removed to the presnt home in Swan Creek Township. It was an unimproved farm when they came to it. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Johnson has continued living there. A son, Charles, remained several years with her, and then a grandson, Arthur Stits, operated the farm, but now Mrs. Johnson lives alone. The fields are rented and she has a garden and poultry.

There were five children: Ada, who died in young womanhood; G. William, of West Alton, Missouri; Nettie, wife of John Whitmeyer, of Pike Township; Ledora, of Cleveland; and Charles P., of Toledo.

While he did not live long enough to realize all his plans and ambition for the improvement of his farm and the making of a home in Swan Creek Township, Mr. Johnson had lived effectively and worthily during the years allotted to him, and grateful memory is cherished of his character and deeds by his descendants. Mrs. Johnson on her part did nobly in carrying forward the farm and rearing her children, and is one of the very highly esteemed women of Fulton county.

Alexander Young Montgomery, who for more than fifty years was a resident in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, and for the greater part of the time one of its leading citizens, had a worthy life record in every way. Denied the educational facilities possible to even the poorest boy in these days, he nevertheless acquired much learning, so much in fact that for many years he was himself a school teacher. He saw valiant service as a soldier during the Civil war, was for many years in successful merchandising business in Delta, Fulton county, was postmaster for eight years, and throughout his long life of public activities and service in Delta gave some time to the execution of the duties of almost every public office of the borough, including the responsibilities of the offices of mayor, councilman, treasurer, and chief of the fire department. Generally, he was esteemed as one of the most helpful and public-spirited of the leading residents of Delta.

He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 9, 1835, the son of James and Mary (Young) Montgomery. The Montgomery family is of Scotch ancestry, although for some generations the branch to which Alexander Y. belonged had been resident in the United States. His father had been born in Washington, Pennsylvania. His mother, however, was of Swiss descent, although also born in America. His parents were among the early settlers in Belmont county, Ohio, where James Montgomery bought a tract of wild land, clearing it of timber, and eventually developing it into a good agricultural property. Upon it Alexander Y. grew to manhood, and there his parents died. The conditions of life in the vicinity of his parents' property were somewhat primitive during his boyhood. He had to content himself with very little schooling; as a matter of fact he was unable to attend school until he was nine years old, and even then the district school that had been established was only open for four months in the year, the boys of the settlers being needed by their parents for many minor farming duties during the growing season. Alexander Y. Montgomery, however, was a studious youth, was naturally of intellectual bent, and, like Abraham Lincoln, profited much by the reading of good books. He was fortunate also in having some contact with men of letters, so that eventually he had attained a sufficient degree of general learning to qualify as a school teacher. He followed that profession until his twenty-sixth year, concurrently farming and he might have continued as an educator had not national conditions become such that all young men of patriotic heart felt prompted to cast aside all personal interests and place themselves at the disposal of the nation. Alexander Y. Montgomery was not wanting or even halting when

the call to arms came in 1861. He enlisted in the Union forces in that year, and when the first brief term of enlistment had expired, re-enlisted in Company E of the West Virginia Infantry. He served under Generals Siegel, Milroy, Fremont and Pope, his regiment being part of the Army of Virginia, which engaged in most of the battles of Virginia and the Shenendoah Valley, including Cedar Mountain, Bull Run (second) and Cross Keys. In 1863 he entered the hazardous scouting arm of the Union Army, and continued as a scout until eventually mustered out of service, with a certificate of honorable discharge, on June 22, 1864. What his movements were between that time and the spring of 1866 are not known to the present biographer, but from the spring of 1866 until his death in 1918 he lived in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, and lived a life well filled with consequential activities, of business and public character. For sixteen years he was in an established merchandising business in Delta, having appreciable success in that enterprise and later he was express agent at Delta. He was a man of strong personality, and was a factor of much influence in Delta. He had the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, and was preferred by them for many public honors and offices of responsibility in civic affairs. His record in public service includes a period as mayor of the borough, as borough treasurer and as chief of the fire department. He was a member of the Cemetery Board, and all his public work, whether of minor or major importance, was marked by a painstaking, honorable attention and devotion to the interests of the community that stamped him as a public servant of the highest type. He was ever ready to give personal and financial support to any worthy local movement, and during the administration of United States President Hayes he was the efficient postmaster at Delta, being continued in the office for eight years. Fraternally he was for many years prominently identified with the functioning of local lodges of the Odd Fellows and Masonic Orders. Of the former organization he belonged to Delta Lodge No. 400, and of the Masonic bodies he was a member of Fulton Lodge No. 248, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of the Octavius Waters Chapter No. 154, Royal Arch Masons; and of the Aurora Chapter. In the order of the Eastern Star he belonged to Fulton encampment No. 197. As a veteran of the Civil war he was of course a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being affiliated with McQuillan Post. Religiously he was a Methodist, member of the Delta Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he was a republican, and actively interested in national as well as local affairs. He died on April 15, 1919, his obsequies being attended by a very large number of Delta people, in which town he was esteemed for his commendable private life and notable helpful public work in the community. He succeeded well in his business endeavors, and erected one of the finest residences in Delta, a substantial almost modern house of fourteen rooms. He was buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, Delta, Ohio, of which he was for so many years a director.

He was married on November 4, 1867, at Lordstown, to Mary McCorkle, who was born in Lordstown, Trumbull county, Ohio, August 22, 1843, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Slough) McCorkle, of that place. Her father was one of the early residents in Youngstown, Ohio, but her mother belonged to an old Pennsylvania family, and was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county of that state. In her girlhood Mrs. Montgomery attended the public schools of her native place, and eventually took the academic course at the seminary at Lordstown, Ohio. In her younger days in Delta she entered

much into the social movements of the place, and throughout her life has been interested in church work. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she and her late husband have been good supporters of the local church of that denomination. Mrs. Montgomery has many sincere friends in Delta, many of long standing.

William Wallace Williams, who during his active life, which ended March 29, 1890, was one of the most prominent citizens of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, a former mayor and leading attorney of that place, and who also had to his credit personal service in a military capacity during the Civil war, the period during which the manhood of the nation was tested to the uttermost.

He was born in Michigan February 3, 1833, while his parents, David and Phoebe Williams, were on a visit in Michigan, to a brother of Mrs. Williams. William W., however, was early thrown upon his own resources, his parents dying when he was still comparatively young. He went to live with Doctor Taylor in Wauseon, Ohio, attending the public schools of that city. What he did in his early manhood does not appear in data before the present biographer, excepting that during the Civil war he was in the military forces of the Union, enlisting in Company I of the Thirty-eighth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and eventually receiving honorable discharge from the national forces. In 1867, being then thirty-four years old, he married, soon after which important event in his history he began to study law, resolving to qualify for admittance to the legal profession. Eventually he was admitted, and for many years thereafter was one of the most prominent lawyers of the Delta section of Fulton county. He resided in that place, his law practice centering there, and in that city he was greatly esteemed. He was a man of commendable public spirit, a convincing public speaker, and he took a helpful part in the civic affairs of Delta. He was popular in that part of Fulton county, and held the confidence of the people of Delta; so much that they elected him mayor of the town. He was fifty-seven years old in the year of his death, 1890, and his life, although not of very long duration, was yet filled with consequential achievements, not the least of which was his strength of purpose in making his own way after the death of his parents.

He was a good Christian, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Delta, and a steady supporter thereof. Politically he was a republican, and was a factor of some consequence to that party in his home district. He took a leading part in political movements in his own district; in fact he was active and useful in almost all phases of the public affairs of Delta. As a veteran of the Civil war he belonged to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

His wife has lived a widowhood of thirty years, and fifty-three years have passed since she, Jane Casler, was married to William Wallace Williams. She was born within twenty-five miles of Toronto, Canada, January 30, 1845, the daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Yake) Casler, who were both Canadians by birth, although Mrs. Williams is descended in the maternal line from an old colonial New York family, her grandparent having been born at Mohawk River, New York state, the son of John Yake, who came from Germany to one of the New York settlements. In the paternal line Mrs. Williams evidently belongs to a family of British antecedents, long resident in Canada. She has lived quietly in Delta amid a large circle of good friends since the death of her husband thirty

years ago, and she owns an artistic bungalow on Front street. The children born to William Wallace and Jane (Casler) Williams were: William, who is a successful and enterprising business man in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Ila, who married Lewis Cameron, of Delta; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-one years, just as he had entered promising manhood; Harry, now of Detroit, Michigan, is a veteran of two wars, having served through the Spanish-American war, rising to the rank of sergeant, and as a commissioned officer in the World war, 1917-19; Paul, now of Wauseon, also a former soldier, having for seven years been in the United States Regular Army; Leland S., of Wauseon, who is also a veteran of the Spanish-American war. The family is thus of military record in the last three wars in which the nation has engaged, a noteworthy record of patriotism, seeing that in each case the service was voluntary. Mrs. Jane (Casler) Williams is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in her younger days took an earnest part in church work, and also in the social functions of community life of Delta.

Isaac Wiley. While there is Scotch in the ancestry of Isaac Wiley of Fulton, his birth occurred October 24, 1850, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Robert and Maria (Walters) Wiley. In 1851, when Isaac Wiley was one year old, his parents came from Pennsylvania via Cleveland and Toledo to Fulton Township, and in 1854 they bought eighty acres of timber, except a clearing of about five acres, where they made their home in Ohio. They lived in a log house until 1869, when they built a frame house.

With the assistance of his son Isaac Wiley, Robert Wiley cleared all this land but ten acres and later the son cleared that tract. Robert Wiley was a cripple and unable to walk without a cane and a crutch, and yet he made a farm in the wilds of the new country. His wife died in 1885, and he died two years later. Beside Isaac, who relates the family history, their children were: Sarah, widow of Eli Winchell, of North Adams, Michigan; Susan, deceased wife of Harrison Hamp; and John. By a previous marriage Robert Wiley had three children: William, Lemuel and Jemima, but none are living today.

As long as his parents lived Isaac Wiley lived with them and cared for them. When he was nineteen he worked away from home less than two months, the only time he ever lived away from the family homestead. In January, 1872, Mr. Wiley married Iva Hamp, who was the daughter of a neighbor and born April 26, 1852, in Fulton Township. Her parents are John and Rebecca (Norris) Hamp, the father born in Germany and the mother in Lucas county. For a time they lived with his parents and then they built another house on the farm, but later they moved in with his parents again. He bought the other shares, and has always lived on the one farm.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wiley are: Eugene, of Fulton, who married May Fraker. He has one son, Fraker Wiley. Minnie is the wife of George Percival, of Toledo, and has two children, Homer and Harold.

Until he was sixteen years old Isaac Wiley had common school advantages, but from that time on his life has been given to hard work, grubbing and otherwise developing the farmstead. For eleven years he has served the township as a school director. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Wiley is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 528 of Swanton, and has occupied all

of the chairs. Together, Mr. Wiley and his wife are members of the Rebekahs, Pythians, Women's Relief Corps and Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Swanton.

This brief record seems to indicate that the dominating characteristic of Mr. Wiley has been faithfulness to duty, wherever duty has called him. While his present prosperity is due in some degree to an enlightened self interest, it is proper to say that he has worked for others as well as for himself, and the esteem in which he is generally held is due to the unselfishness that has guided his labors.

Oliver William Detwiler. Although living in Delta, Oliver William Detwiler gives personal supervision to his farm interests in Fulton county. He was born November 2, 1853, in Marion county. He is a son of Jacob and Penelope (Miller) Detwiler. The father came from Pennsylvania and the mother from Maryland. They lived on a farm in Marion county, Ohio, but in 1865 they moved to Swan Creek Township in Fulton county. He bought a tract of wild land and improved it. They both died on the old homestead in Swan Creek Township. O. W. Detwiler was the sixth child in order of birth into this pioneer family. Martha, a daughter, is mentioned in the H. B. Mann sketch. Oscar lives at West Unity, Williams county.

Oliver W. Detwiler married Mary Tefft January 17, 1877. She is a daughter of Gardner and Leah (Wollam) Tefft. After his marriage Mr. Detwiler bought a farm in Swan Creek Township. He lived there twenty years. When his father died he sold the place and moved to the old Detwiler homestead. There were 225 acres of the land, and he bought some of the shares and now has a quarter section of it. In 1908 he rented the farm and located in Delta.

Mr. Detwiler bought a property in the business section and removed an old blacksmith shop and built a modern house. The children are: Ellen, wife of Fred Richards, who lives on the farm; Minnie, wife of Earl Slagel, of Swan Creek; and Alpheus living in New York. Mr. Detwiler votes with the democrats.

As this brief record shows, the Detwilers have been factors in the development of portions of Fulton county for fifty-five years. Some excellent farms represent their aggregate and productive energies, and whether living in Delta or on his farm Mr. O. W. Detwiler has ever manifested a degree of public spirit expressive of his high character and a constant willingness to promote the best interests of his community.

George Schamp. Fulton county has some of the most energetic and successful farmers in this part of the state, and these men are satisfied with the results of their years of endeavor, for they have not only made an excellent living, but have built up valuable property interests and been of use to their community. Such a representative citizen is George Schamp of York Township, who is conducting his valuable farm in a modern manner and carrying on general crop raising and stock breeding. He was born in York Township on January 8, 1858, a son of Henry G. and Catherine (Batdorf) Schamp, natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married in Wayne county, Ohio, and in 1853 came to Fulton county, buying a farm in York Township. On it they built a brick residence, and lived in it, both passing away in 1899, although she survived him for a few months. Their children are as follows: James and John W., both of whom are farmers of

York Township; Helen, who died in infancy; David, who died in 1881, when twenty-five years of age; George, who was the fifth in order of birth; Mary, who is Mrs. F. M. Moyer, of Wauseon; and Lucy, who is Mrs. William Kline, of Wauseon.

On September 30, 1880, George Schamp was married to Amanda Hortense Barnes, of Clinton Township, a daughter of Leonard P. and Mary Ann (Bay) Barnes, natives of Pennsylvania, who became early settlers of Fulton county, Ohio. After his marriage Mr. Schamp lived for a year on his father's farm, and then moved on a rented farm, where he remained until 1889, in that year buying eighty acres of land in section 33 of York Township. There were log barns and an old frame house on this property, and about fifty acres of it was under cultivation, the remainder being in timber. Mr. Schamp went right to work improving his farm. All but eight acres are now under cultivation, and he has put up his present buildings, all of which are modern in character. He takes great pride in his place and strives to keep everything in first-class order. His operations are carried on in the line of general farming and stockraising.

Mr. and Mrs. Schamp became the parents of the following children: Stella D., who is keeping house for her father; Dola May, who is Mrs. Roland T. Holmes, of Lucas county, Ohio; and Roy T., who was a farmer of Swan Creek Township, passed away February 2, 1920. Mrs. Schamp died on September 24, 1916, leaving a desolated family and many warm personal friends to mourn her loss, for she was a charming lady of Christian character. Mr. Schamp belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he has served as steward for many years. He is a republican, and for two terms was on the School Board. He maintains membership with the Wauseon Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. Having spent his entire life in York Township, his interests are centered here and he is ready and willing to give his support to measures which he believes will be beneficial to the majority.

George Jacob Moog. A man of naturally sound judgment and shrewd perceptions, characteristics of the race of which George J. Moog, superintendent of the waterworks plant at Wauseon, is a descendant, he has so ordered his career as to be eminently eligible to representation in a work of this kind. He has risen through his strictly moral habits, his attention to the work before him and his mastering of the details of the line of effort to which he has applied himself. Thus he has earned the sincere esteem of those who are conversant with his life work and today he stands as one of the useful and representative men of the community, honored by his citizenship.

George Jacob Moog was born in Noble Township, Defiance county, Ohio, on May 3, 1880, and is the son of Martin and Salome (Stuckey) Moog. The subject's paternal grandfather, David Moog, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, where he was reared and lived until about thirty years of age, coming then to the United States and locating in Defiance county, Ohio, where the family is still living. He was a farmer by vocation and spent the remainder of his life on his first farm there. Martin Moog was reared to the life of a farmer, but subsequently turned his attention to the operation of a saw mill, and still later became connected with railroad operations.

George J. Moog attended the schools of Hicksville, Defiance county, until he was fifteen years of age. He then turned his attention to well drilling and threshing, which occupied his attention

for about nine years. He also operated a saw mill for 4½ years in Defiance county. Then for a year he was employed as night fireman for the Defiance Gas and Electric Company, and during this period he took a course in engineering with the American School of Correspondence at Chicago, so that at the end of the first year he was advanced to the position of chief engineer of the plant, remaining in that capacity for one year. He then went to Stryker, Henry county, as chief engineer for the Toledo & Indiana Railroad Company, with whom he remained for three months, going from there to LaPorte, Indiana, where he was prominently connected with the LaPorte Light, Gas and Heating Company for three months. His next employment was as chief engineer of the waterworks and electric light plant at Coldwater, Michigan, where he remained for seven years. During these years Mr. Moog had been gaining a high reputation as an expert in his special line of work, so that it was with confidence he was engaged on April 1, 1918, as superintendent of the waterworks plant at Wauseon, Fulton county, which position he is still filling. The confidence placed in his technical ability was not misplaced, as has been abundantly demonstrated by the efficient manner with which he has discharged the responsible duties devolving upon him here.

In 1901 Mr. Moog was married to Katherine Cox, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Mulby) Cox, of Evansport, Ohio, and to them seven children have been born.

Politically Mr. Moog is independent, voting for the men and measures which meet with his approval regardless of party lines. Fraternally he is a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Though a man of unpretentious demeanor, he possesses those qualities which attract men, and because of his success and his commendable qualities he is deservedly popular among those who know him.

Walter James Clark. Except for about a year when he was in the army service Walter James Clark was connected with the schools of Fayette from 1913, the greater part of the time as superintendent, until April 1, 1920, when he resigned that position and is now representing the Henry Holt & Company, publishers of college and high school text books.

Mr. Clark was born at St. Clairsville in Belmont county, Ohio, October 26, 1888, son of E. T. and Minerva (Gray) Clark. His parents were natives of Ohio and his father for many years was in the furniture and undertaking business at St. Clairsville, but since 1915 has lived retired at Columbus.

Walter James Clark graduated from the high school at St. Clairsville, and in the intervals of teaching and other work acquired a liberal education at Muskingum College, the Ohio State University, Western Reserve University and Columbia University at New York. He took the post of assistant principal of the Fayette High School January 1, 1913, and during the following regular school year was principal and in the fall of 1914 became superintendent of schools.

He left his post of local duty and entered the army service April 30, 1918, and was assigned to special duty as a psychologist at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, Camp Custer, Michigan, and Camp Merritt, New Jersey. He received his honorable discharge June 1, 1919, and then returned to his duties at Fayette. Mr. Clark is organizer of the Fayette Post of the American Legion and is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, one of his ancestors

having fought for American independence. He is affiliated with Fayette Lodge No. 387 of the Masons, Lyons Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Defiance Commandery No. 30, Knight Templars, the Wauseon Council and Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine of New York City. He belongs to the college fraternities Phi Rho Sigma and Pi Rho Phi. Politically he is a democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served as a member of the Board of School Examiners of Fulton county.

October 16, 1913, he married Elizabeth Flanagan. Mrs. Clark was born at Steubenville, Ohio, a daughter of Charles E. and Kathleen (Tanner) Flanagan. Her father, now deceased, was an expert mathematician. The widowed mother lives at Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have three children: Walter James, Jr., Elizabeth Jane, and Robert Charles.

F. L. S. Darby. It is a long time to look back to the days when Pottawattamie Indians still wandered through what is now Fulton county, Ohio, but the memory of one of Wauseon's most highly respected citizens, Dr. F. L. S. Darby, goes back that far. He was born in 1844, in Franklin Township, Fulton county, the youngest of seven children born to Samuel B. and Sepharna (Guilford) Darby.

The Darbys came to the American colonies from Derbyshire, one of the most beautiful sections of England, settled first in Vermont and later became people of substantial worth in Alleghany county, New York. In 1835 the parents of F. L. S. Darby drove across the country with oxen, after reaching Ohio stopping first in Huron county, but later settled on Bean Creek in Franklin Township, Fulton county, where they secured forty acres of government land. The country at that time was a practical wilderness, few settlers having ventured so far and the nearest mill was at Maumee. Deer were often seen and wild turkeys were plentiful. For several years Indians followed their trails near the little pioneer settlements, and Mr. Darby remembers one of the stories told him in childhood by his anxious mother, of an occasion when an Indian squaw, bereaved of her pappoose, tried to steal him. His father cleared his forty acres and added to them, becoming a man of consequence in Franklin Township, was county recorder as well as teacher, farmer and merchant. His death occurred in 1884, the mother surviving until 1898, passing away in her ninety-eighth year.

F. L. S. Darby had such educational advantages as the district schools of his day provided. He applied himself closely to his studies because he had become ambitious and wished to qualify as a teacher, which he subsequently did and afterward taught the Archbold, the Burlington and Franklin district schools, and in this way provided for a course in Oberlin College, after two years entering the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, having previously read medicine with his brother, Dr. A. B. Darby, at Waterloo, Indiana. He entered the above medical school in 1864 and was graduated from the same with his degree in 1866.

During his stay of two years at Waterloo, while a student of medicine, Doctor Darby had formed many pleasant acquaintances in that city, and there he entered into practice and after two years opened a drug store there, which he conducted for two years, when he came to Wauseon. Here he bought an established drug business and continued the store for five years on the corner of Depot and Fulton streets, when he retired in order to give attention to other

lines of business. In 1889 he was one of the organizers of the Fulton County Building & Loan Company, of which he was made secretary in 1896, and has continued ever since. The company deals in farm lands and city property, Mr. Darby having personal as well as company interests in real estate.

Mr. Darby was married to Minnie M. Waid, who is a daughter of William and Orpha (Canfield) Waid, a pioneer family of Fulton county, and three children were born to them, namely: Orpha, who is the wife of H. F. Dinske, of Wauseon; Roscoe B., who was born in 1878; and Florence, who died in 1896, at the age of fourteen years. In political sentiment Mr. Darby has always been a republican, and he has been a member of the county election board for more than twenty years. He has been active in Wauseon affairs, working always for the best interests of the city, and has served with great usefulness on the City Council and the School Board. He is one of the older members of the Knights of Pythias here.

Roscoe B. Darby was born on a farm in Fulton county, first attended the public schools of Wauseon, then Baldwin University, in 1897 entering the Ohio State University, and was graduated with his LL. D. degree in 1900. In June of the same year he was admitted to the bar and since then has maintained his office at Wauseon and practices in the state courts. He is a republican in politics, and served six terms as city solicitor. In 1896 he was married to Herma Winzeler, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Winzeler, and they have two children, John Franklin and Dudley Bryant. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias. He is recognized as one of the able members of the Fulton county bar.

Adolph William Hinderer is senior partner in the F. Hinderer & Sons Company, proprietors of the big general mercantile establishment at Burlington. Mr. Hinderer practically grew up in this store, and he and his brother Emil are among the most successful examples of enterprising country merchants, who have brought an immense volume of trade to them and have had no reason to fear the competition of large city stores.

Adolph W. Hinderer was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1880, and was two years of age when he was brought to this country by his parents, Frederick and Catherine (Zwicker) Hinderer. His father, a blacksmith and wagonsmith by trade, followed that occupation in Defiance county one year, and then settled at Lauber Hill in Fulton county. Here he established a blacksmith shop, and made his trade a medium of good service to that community for fourteen years. From there he moved to Elmira and again resumed blacksmithing, but also opened a small grocery store, and his two sons took the latter branch of business and have developed it through subsequent years until it now supplies everything needed by the people living in a radius twenty miles around. They handle groceries, dry goods, farm implements, hardware and furnaces.

Adolph W. Hinderer attended school at Lauber Hill to the age of thirteen, and ever since that time has been working and acquiring experience as a merchant. In 1903 he married Emma Herr, a daughter of Charles Herr, and they have one adopted child, Phyllis Catherine, now two years of age. Mr. Hinderer is an independent voter in politics.

EMIL C. HINDERER is junior partner of the F. Hinderer & Sons at Burlington. This firm is one of the most stimulating examples of successful merchandising in a country district found anywhere in northern Ohio.

Emil C. Hinderer was born at Lauber Hill in German Township, Fulton county, in 1887, a son of Frederick Ulrich and Catherine (Zwicker) Hinderer. His parents came from Germany, bringing with them their two sons. Frederick Hinderer was then thirty-five years of age. He had learned the trade of wagon maker in his native land and followed that line of work for a number of years. For a short time his home was in Defiance county, Ohio, and from there he moved to Lauber Hill and opened a wagon shop and also did blacksmithing. After seven years he moved to Burlington, where he opened a small stock of groceries, that being the foundation and the nucleus of the present immense business conducted by his sons. He also continued work at the trade of blacksmithing, and lived and died there, highly honored and respected until 1915. His widow is still living.

Emil C. Hinderer attended the Barnett country school a mile east of Lauber Hill, and finished his education in the schools of Burlington at the age of fifteen. In the meantime, since the age of eleven, he had been helping his father about the store, and at the age of fifteen he was given practically entire charge. During the past fifteen years or so the business has enjoyed a steady increase and growth. From the original line of groceries the stock now includes dry goods, shoes, hardware, implements and other supplies adequate for the demands of the surrounding agricultural district. The firm are also agents for the Pipeless Furnace, and they sold the first furnaces of that type in Fulton county, while Emil Hinderer installed the first Pipeless Furnace at Toledo. The firm are also agents for the International Tractor.

In May, 1919, Mr. Hinderer married Elsie Shoch, daughter of Henry Shoch, of Bryan, Ohio. Politically independent, while not a politician he is always interested in every community project. He and his brother Adolph own together a 130-acre farm in Franklin Township of Fulton county. This farm is the home of some good livestock, including a dairy of Holstein cattle.

JOHN MILTON SINDEL. The Sindel family has played a worthy part in the history and affairs of Fulton county for nearly eighty years.

A successful farmer representative of the family, who has held many offices of trust and responsibility in Pike Township, is John Milton Sindel. He was born in Pike Township January 4, 1846, son of John and Harriet Newell (Dixon) Sindel. His father was born in New York state and his mother in New Jersey, and they were married in the latter state. On September 28, 1834, they arrived in Fulton county and established a home one mile east of Winnemeg in Pike Township. They took possession of a tract of land that had been entered by her father, Lott Dixon, direct from the government. From that time John Sindel never left his home in Pike Township, but by the incidents and fortunes of history he lived in Lenawee county, Michigan, Lucas county, Ohio, and Fulton county. The Sindel family came west by way of the Hudson River to Albany, Erie Canal to Buffalo, by lake boat to Toledo, and thence overland to what is now Pike Township. John Sindel cleared and improved 160 acres of timbered land. He died in 1877, having

been born in 1810. His wife, who was born in 1814, was just twenty years of age when she came to Fulton county, and she died May 24, 1904, seventy years later. They had a large family of children: Edward C., Dixon, Theodore J., William Henry, Leonard, William Holland, John Milton, George, Elizabeth and James, twins, Helen Y., James Eugene and Mary Catherine. Only three are now living, John Milton, Helen Y., and James Eugene, the latter in California.

John Milton Sindel has some early memories of Pike Township when the country was still only a few years removed from a virgin wilderness. He attended a log cabin school, and early learned the arts and discipline of farm life as practiced sixty or seventy years ago. On March 1, 1868, he married Elizabeth Elliott, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, a daughter of Simon and Susan (Scott) Elliott.

After their marriage they lived on the Elliott farm in Pike Township, later rented a farm for two years at Marseilles, Illinois, and then spent another four years on the Elliott farm in Pike Township. April 6, 1874, Mr. Sindel bought an eighty acre brush farm in Pike Township, in section 3, clearing and improving the place. In March, 1905, he bought a partly improved place in the same section, and has cleared up all of this land, built a modern home, and for the past three years has hired all the farm labor. His son lives on his other farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Sindel have two children, M. Leonard and Bernice. Leonard, who lives on his father's farm in Pike Township, married Blanche Shaffer. They have five children: Elsie, wife of Paul Clough, who was a soldier in the National Army; Marian, who is Mrs. Clinton Miller, of Delta; Richard, Robert and Irene. The daughter Bernice is the wife of Erwin Tappin, of Pike Township, and has two children, John and Mary.

Mr. Sindel is a member of the Christian Church and has been an elder since 1912. His official record comprises two terms as township trustee, two years as assessor, one term as justice of the peace, and a number of years of service as school director, constable and road supervisor. He has held all the offices in the Etna Grange and is a republican in politics.

Walter Earl Disbrow. While most midwest families are able to trace their lineage through two, three and sometimes four generations, it is vouchsafed to Walter Earl Disbrow, a clerk in the Wauseon postoffice, to look backward through six generations to the Revolutionary period in American history to Henry Disbrow who carried the family name in that war. He also looks through three generations before that time, during the Colonial period; is in the tenth generation from the first Disbrow of whom he has any knowledge.

The Colonial record shows that Henry was a son of Caleb Disbrow, whose wife was Sarah Davis, and he was one of nine children born to them. Caleb was a son of Thomas Disbrow, whose wife was Abagail Gooding, and he was one of seven children born to them. Thomas was in turn a son of another Thomas Disbrow, whose will was probated February 7, 1706—the earliest Disbrow of which there is any record, and the second Thomas Disbrow was his only child. The name of the wife was Mercy Jones, and thus ends the Colonial history of the Disbrow family.

Henry Disbrow, the Revolutionary soldier through whom W. E.

Disbrow is eligible to membership in the patriotic society of the Sons of the American Revolution, was born April 19, 1757, and he had not yet reached his majority when the colonists declared their independence from England. The records indicate that he lived in Connecticut. He married Hannah Merriam, April 1, 1819, at Harperfield, Delaware county New York, and May 15, 1838, he died at Medina, Ohio. His children were: James, Smith, Rachel, Caleb and Rebecca. The Fulton county Disbrows are descended from the oldest son, James. He married Polly Knapp and Orville Disbrow was one of five children born to them.

Orville and Fanny (Buck) Disbrow passed their early married life in Lorain county. Their life story began in Fulton county in 1859, when they located in Chesterfield. He died in 1882, aged sixty-five years, while his wife attained to more than ninety years. Their children were: David J., Caleb E., Francis, Betsey and Adeline. David J. Disbrow married Angeline Briggs August 6, 1865, and through this alliance Walter E. Disbrow is in the fourth generation from Col. Alanson Briggs, who was in command of a regiment of "Green Mountain Boys" in the second war with England. He treasures the sword carried by this ancestor in 1812, and few men anywhere have more direct military ancestry, beginning with the first war with England—the American Revolution.

The name Disbrow has been in America so long that "Blue-bellied Yankee," is a term applied to the pioneers. The name Briggs is also in the earliest annals of the community. In 1834 Colonel Briggs visited northwestern Ohio and the Michigan strip, and he invested in a large tract of unbroken wild land, and in 1835 he removed his family from Cleveland to what is now known as Chesterfield. He was a merchant, and brought a stock of goods to the Indian Trading post he established, and as he came to stay he brought livestock with him, coming through the Black Swamp to this wilderness country. Colonel Briggs was the kind of settler to build up any frontier community.

While Colonel Briggs thought he was the first white settler in that particular "Neck o' the woods," imagine his surprise when one day Chief Winameg came into the Trading Post with other Indians and told him of Chesterfield Clemmons, a "white man with a wigwam," who had been there "many moons." While the late Col. D. W. H. Howard was an Indian trader who came through the territory sometimes, Colonel Briggs was unquestionably the first merchant in Fulton county. While he has posterity, the name is not perpetuated, as he had no son to reach manhood.

Colonel Briggs married Olive Sweet June 2, 1829, and one son, Roderick A., was born, but died sixteen days later. The wife died September 2, 1830, and on December 8, 1839, the colonel married Lucinda Rogers. They had four daughters: Betsey, Maria, Eliza and Angeline. Only two, Eliza and Angeline, lived to womanhood. It was the marriage of David J. Disbrow and Angeline Briggs that united these two pioneer Fulton county families. Their children are: Charles Eugene and Eva Emma. Through the son comes Walter E. Disbrow, of this sketch. The daughter, Eva Emma, is the wife of George W. Corlett, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and they have one son, Robert.

C. E. Disbrow, of Chesterfield, known to all as Gene, was born January 1, 1869, and on August 14, 1889, he married Reta Todd. She is a daughter of Henry M. and Alwilda (Newcomb) Todd. She

had two brothers, Francis C. and Royal T. Todd, and a step-sister, Alta Terpenning Retan, and two half brothers, Merritt and Homer Stewart, and a half sister, Mamie Stewart. The brother Francis C., and the two sisters are gone the way of the world. Mrs. Disbrow was reared by her great-grandmother, Susannah K. McLaughlin, near Delta, of whom she speaks in highest terms of praise as an excellent pioneer woman. Mrs. McLaughlin was a widow for many years.

The Disbrow children of today are: Walter Earl and Montral Mack. Three children are deceased: Eugene, born May 19, 1890, died the same day; Sybil, born December 13, 1896, died three days later. Fern Eva, whose untimely death occurred February 10, 1920, was married November 29, 1916, to Fred E. King, of Jasper, Michigan. She was in the bloom of a beautiful young womanhood, and is survived by her husband and one daughter, Evlyn Fern. Montral Mack Disbrow lives with his parents on the hilltop overlooking Oak Shade, and he is a pupil in the Chesterfield Centralized Schools.

Walter E. Disbrow graduated from the Wauseon High School and from the International Business College at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has been keeper of records and seal for the Knights of Pythias Lodge for five years. He is the record keeper of the Order of the Maccabees, and he belongs to the following Masonic orders: Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Knights Templar. He is financial secretary of Wauseon Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a member of the firm Campbell & Disbrow, Insurance.

On July 19, 1916, Walter E. Disbrow married Rosella R. Crew, and their daughter is Geraldine Eleanor. The Crews and Disbrows live as one family. Mrs. Disbrow is the only daughter of Alva and Mary (Bond) Crew. The mother died and Sadie DeWitt came into the family circle, the daughter knowing nothing of another mother. Mary Bond was a daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Bollander) Bond, who were numbered among the pioneers of Fulton county. Alva Crew is a son of Micajah Crew, who was a native of Columbiana county. When he came to Fulton county he married Ellen Jane Lillich, thus connecting the Crew-Lillich families, who meet in annual reunions.

While the early Fulton county Disbrow family history began in Chesterfield, there are now Disbrow relatives in many different communities. "Gene" Disbrow was agent of the Dayton, Toledo & Ironton Railway at Oak Shade for many years, and it was through his efforts that the postoffice and general store were located there. Mr. Disbrow was at once railway agent, postmaster and merchant in the Oak Shade community. The family homestead today is a farmhouse overlooking the village, and Mr. Disbrow devotes his attention to agriculture and its kindred industry, livestock. The family furnished several Revolutionary soldiers, the head of the house of Briggs was a colonel in the second war with England, and the family also furnished its quota of Civil war soldiers. If there were any first families in Ohio, then the name Disbrow would be among them.

Edwin James Bowerman. Among the good influences which have brought about the improvement of farming conditions may be mentioned the opening up at different times of vast areas of new land; the inventive genius of those who created labor-saving ma-

chinery; the development of transportation by land and water and the consequent drawing together of the farm and markets; the establishment of government experimental stations and other agencies for the promulgation of agricultural information; co-operation among the farmers, and the ready adoption of such important aids as irrigation, dry farming, selective plant and animal breeding, specialization in crops, fertilizers and cold storage, all of these have played an important part in the transition from crude beginnings to methods and appliances of the present day. Among the farmers of Fulton county who is living up to the conception of the modern agriculturist and doing his part to bring about further improvement of existing conditions in this region is Edwin James Bowerman of York Township.

Edwin James Bowerman was born on the farm he now occupies in section 36, York Township, December 25, 1866, and he has spent his life here. He is a son of Edwin R. and Maria J. (Smith) Bowerman, he born on June 1, 1835, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and she born in Seneca county, Ohio. The grandparents were James and Phoebe (Tollman) Bowerman, of New York state, and Henry and Martha (Bergstresser) Smith. The great-grandfather Tollman was a soldier in the American Revolution. It was while the paternal grandparents were on their way from New York to Ohio that Edwin R. Bowerman was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, they being attracted to Ohio by the promise of work on the Maumee Canal, which James Bowerman helped to construct, and he was also a captain of one of the canalboats. The family settled on the Maumee River, but he later bought a farm in what is now York Township, Fulton county, owning at one time 480 acres of timber and prairie land, and being at the time of his death in 1854 a man of considerable means. After their marriage his son, Edwin R. Bowerman, and his wife settled on the old farm and became the owners of 320 acres of land. For some years he was engaged in further improving it, but spent his last days at Delta, Ohio, where he died in 1907, his widow surviving him until 1916. Their children were as follows: Eva, who is the widow of Charles Gross, of Wauseon; Martha, who is the widow of Adam D. Mann, of Wauseon; and Edwin James, who was the youngest.

After the death of his father Edwin James Bowerman secured 120 acres of his father's farm, which includes the homestead, and on it he is carrying on general farming and dairying, his herd numbering from six to ten cows of the Holstein strain. In his farming he has been successful and takes a pride in keeping everything in first class order.

April 22, 1888, Mr. Bowerman united in marriage with Orpha Cameron, a native of Fulton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Alexander and Jane (King) Cameron. She is a member of that distinguished pioneer family of King, whose story is briefly told on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Bowerman became the parents of the following children: Frank, a farmer in York Township; Clarence; Louise, Mrs. Marvin Greisinger, of York Township; and Florence, at home. Politically Mr. Bowerman is a democrat.

King Family. Hardly any of the pioneers of Fulton county came earlier and none were people of more substantial character than the King family, who settled in the woods near where the Village of Delta now stands in the year 1834. Many years ago the history

of this family was compiled by one of its members and a portion of the account is given here as an historic record that properly belongs in any history of Fulton county.

The Kings went to Ireland in the seventeenth century as part of the English and Scotch Protestant occupation of the Ulster plantations. For many generations they lived in the County of Londonderry. About the close of the eighteenth century some of the original land was owned by William King. William King married Elizabeth Torrence, whose ancestry was Scotch, while William King's family came from England. Their children, three sons and four daughters, were born on the farm near Newton-Lamavady. These children were named James, John, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Catherine and William. The sons James and William were given a liberal education, while John received the farm. John found the homestead too small for his family, and in 1824 moved to a large farm he rented, and lived there until 1833. At that time the rented farm was disposed of and the homestead sold. His brothers James and William also came to America at the same time. While the other members of the family remained in New York, William had come west to Ohio. He met the other members of the family at Cleveland in the spring of 1834, and they proceeded by boat to Manhattan at the mouth of the Maumee, where two lumber wagons were obtained to take the party and their baggage to Providence at the head of the Rapids, intending to go on to Fort Defiance, where William had discovered a place he thought would be suitable for settlement. While waiting at Providence John King examined a tract of land in the "six mile woods." He was so well pleased with the land and the location that he determined to go no further and bought a section of Government land densely covered with timber. That formed the original homestead on which the family settled in June, 1834.

The country was all new with only a few families who had settled there that spring. The following week after the family came into the woods a tornado swept through where they had settled and laid the timber flat. It took a whole week to cut their way out to the oak openings. The family were mercifully preserved, a few trees having been cut where the shanty was erected, which saved them.

Three of the daughters of the family, Elizabeth, Mary and Catherine, had married in Ireland. The other two families remained behind, but they all came out afterward and settled near the homestead in Fulton county. The parents lived after settling in the woods to a ripe old age and were buried in the family burying ground on the farm. James and William remained on the farm one year after they settled. They then went south and lived in Louisiana.

The present sketch is chiefly concerned with John King, who was born in County Londonderry June 20, 1796. He had a peculiar talent for farming, and, as noted above, soon found the homestead too small and carried on extensive operations with rented land. He was also a road contractor in Ireland. The first year he spent in the woods of Ohio he cultivated little more than a garden, but after that the area of cultivation was steadily extended.

In 1840 John King married Miss Barbara Shoemaker, of Muncy, Pennsylvania. She died October 14, 1846, the mother of two sons. In 1847 John King married Miss Elizabeth Shoemaker, a sister of his first wife. By this marriage there were five children: John, born April 2, 1848; Mary Jane, born February 16, 1850; Elizabeth, born December 4, 1851; Martha A., born July 9, 1853; and Thomas

W., born March 4, 1855. The only one of these children to remain on the old Fulton county homestead was Thomas W. King, who married Elizabeth Goodwin.

During the first thirteen years in the woods the Kings had no Presbyterian preacher visit them. The Sabbaths were spent in reading the Bible and other religious books. John got up a subscription to build a Presbyterian Church at Delta and a petition to the Presbytery of Findlay to send them a missionary. A missionary was appointed in 1847 and a congregation was soon formed at Delta. John King had the first Presbyterian Church erected there and was ordained one of the elders of the church. He held that office continuously until his death on September 27, 1865.

Mary Jane King, the oldest daughter of John King, the pioneer, was married January 1, 1867, to Alexander Cameron, born October 17, 1845. Alexander Cameron spent most of his life in Fulton county, and served three years as a Union soldier in the One Hundredth Ohio Infantry. He and his wife had eight children: James K., born October 9, 1867; Orpha A., born November 21, 1869, now the wife of Mr. E. J. Bowerman, of York Township, Fulton county; Arthur D., born August 31, 1872; Nelly M., born November 13, 1874; Charles L., born September 23, 1877; Frank S., born May 25, 1880; John T., born July 24, 1882; and William F., born November 3, 1884.

William Elsworth Nutt. An old and honored resident of Fulton county, owner of a valuable and well improved farm in Swan Creek Township, located on rural route No. 25 from Delta, William Elsworth Nutt has received many appreciative tokens of community esteem, and for twenty-seven years altogether has had some participation in the official affairs of his county or township.

Mr. Nutt was born in York Township October 27, 1862, son of John and Sophrona Adeline (Kelley) Nutt. His father was born near Kingbolton, Huntingshire, England, and married for his first wife Susanna Hankins on May 14, 1837. She died in England, and two of her children came with the father to Fulton county, Ohio. On November 24, 1859, John Nutt married Sophrona Adeline Kelley, who was born at Norwalk, Ohio, and moved to York Township about 1850. John Nutt by his first marriage had the following children: Rebecca, who married Gilbert Carver and both are now deceased; John, who enlisted as a Union soldier and was killed in battle in 1864; and William, who died in England September 18, 1839. By his second marriage John Nutt has two living children, William E. and Charles Emory, the latter a resident of Monroe, Michigan.

William Elsworth Nutt while a boy on his father's farm attended the district schools and was not yet twenty-one years of age when on December 7, 1882, he married Miss Alice Fouty. Mrs. Nutt was born in York Township March 4, 1865, a daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Visher) Fouty. Her father was born in Columbiana county and her mother at Sylvania, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Nutt lived for a time with his parents, and then took forty acres of the home farm, all woodland, put up a small house, cleared away the timber, and did nearly all the work of improvement. In the course of years that forty acres has become a very productive and valuable tract. The buildings now there are the second set erected by Mr. Nutt. Subsequently he added another forty acres, partly cleared that, and later sold twenty acres, so that his

present farm contains sixty acres, practically all in cultivation. He now has three sets of buildings. He has made a judicious combination of dairying and general farming.

His two children are Lulu and Clement. Lulu is the wife of Rolland Gawdern of Swan Creek Township, and they have one child, Leta, born March 5, 1916. Clement married Pansy Clace.

The family are member of Shiloh Union Church and Mr. Nutt served as the first elder and trustee. For eight years he occupied the office of justice of the peace, and has always been a school director and road supervisor, and his fellow citizens have always regarded him as completely worthy of their confidence and trust. Politically he is identified with the republican party.

George W. Berkebile. One of the best improved farms in York Township is that known as the Grove Fruit Farm, which has been brought to its present fine state through the efforts of the owner, George W. Berkebile, one of the representative farmers and fruit-growers of Fulton county. He was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, on April 12, 1857, a son of Jonathan and Catherine (Stutzman) Berkebile, natives of the same county as their son.

In 1870 the family moved from Pennsylvania to Fulton county, Ohio, where Jonathan Berkebile bought 150 acres in section 21, York Township, and here he was engaged in farming until his death which occurred in 1901. His widow survived him until 1903. Their children were as follows: Abram, who died in November, 1914, aged sixty-two years; George W., who was the second in order of birth; Nathaniel, who died at the age of four years; Samuel, who lives in York Township; Sarah, who died at the age of five years; Jacob, who lives at Delta, Ohio; Amanda, who is Mrs. William Dailey of Delta, Ohio.

George W. Berkebile grew up under the parental roof and attended the district schools. He continued to live on his father's farm until in March, 1894, when he moved to an eighty-acre tract in section 22, York Township, which was cleared but not improved. Since then Mr. Berkebile has erected the necessary buildings, making them modern in every respect. There are electric lights in the house and other buildings, water is pumped from a reservoir in the basement to all of the buildings where it is needed, and the house is provided with a tiled bathroom and hot and cold water. In fact it would be difficult to find any city residence more comfortable than that of Mr. Berkebile. Owing to the fact that Mr. Berkebile is a practical carpenter and was engaged in contracting and building for a number of years in part accounts for the superior plans and execution of these buildings. He also owns sixty acres of land in Pike Township, and is a man of ample means. The distinguishing feature of his farm is its magnificent fruit, he having set out an apple orchard of 100 trees, a peach orchard of 140 trees, and a plum orchard of 100 trees, and also has about fifty cherry trees, some pear trees, and all kinds of small fruit and berries. Of late years he has specialized in fruit growing, and his produce is recognized as being of superior quality.

In 1878 Mr. Berkebile was united in marriage with Sarah Harmon, born in Pike Township on September 11, 1858, a daughter of David and Barbara (Steele) Harmon, natives of Tuscarawas and Ashland counties, Ohio, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Berkebile became the parents of the following children: Franklin, who died at

the age of 2½ years; Edward, who is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Florence, who is Mrs. Ira Seymour, of California; Nora, who was Mrs. Carl Savage, died in 1909, aged twenty-three years; Lawrence, who lives at Toledo, Ohio; Floyd, who died at the age of 2½ years; Roy, who is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; and Orpha and Laverne, who are both at home. In politics Mr. Berkebile is a republican. Although he has never cared for public preferment, Mr. Berkebile, like all intelligent men, recognizes the necessity for careful supervision of local affairs and a broad-minded support of genuine improvements, and can be depended upon to do his duty by his neighborhood whenever the occasion arises.

CHARLES L. SHREVES. One of the men who is prominently identified with the best agricultural interests of Fulton county is Charles L. Shreves of York Township, a practical farmer and good business man, whose fine rural property shows the results of his enterprise and industry. He was born in Huron county, Ohio, May 17, 1863, a son of Charles R. and Thankful (Stone) Shreves, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut, respectively. The paternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth (Reeves) Shreves, were natives of New Jersey, and they and the maternal grandfather, Oramil Stone, were early settlers in Mahoning county, Ohio, in which the parents of Charles L. Shreves met and were married.

Soon after their marriage the parents moved to Huron county, Ohio, where they lived until 1864 and then went to Hancock county, Ohio. In 1867 they settled in York Township, Fulton county, first renting land, and then in 1890 buying a small tract on which he died in 1906, she having passed away in 1904. Their children were as follows: Oramil, who began preaching at the age of twenty-one years and was sent as a missionary from the Toledo district to India, where he spent six years and while there was married to the widow of Melville Birdsel, they had two children born in India, and he is now deceased; William L., who died in 1908; Alice, who is Mrs. Elmer W. Struble, of York Township; Clarinda, who is Mrs. William Frederick, of Liberty Center, Henry county, Ohio; Maria, who is Mrs. William Bartlett, of York Township; Charles L., whose name heads this review; and Lodema, who is Mrs. Henry Hall, of Defiance, Ohio.

On January 1, 1888, Charles L. Shreves was united in marriage with Mina E. Wise, born in York Township, a daughter of John S. and Angeline (Struble) Wise, natives of Pennsylvania and Fulton county, Ohio, respectively. For four years following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shreves lived with Mr. Wise, and then bought seventy-eight acres of land which was in those days considered as improved, but since he has owned it he has spent considerable money upon it, among other things tiling the whole farm. This property is in section 5 and he now owns forty acres additional in section 8, operating both and doing general farming and dairying with very gratifying results.

Mr. and Mrs. Shreves became the parents of the following children: Blanche, who is Mrs. O. W. Spiess, of York Township; Opal, who is Mrs. J. R. Lemon, of York Township; and Clive, who is at home. Mr. Shreves is a member of the Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was steward for many years and has been a trustee for thirty years. A republican, he has been elected on his party ticket as a school director a number of times. Believing in the value of the Grange to farmers, Mr. Shreves has been very active in

it and is now master of the local organization, having been elected to that office three successive times. Enterprising and practical, Mr. Shreves has forged steadily ahead and his present standing has been honorably earned through his industry and foresight.

JOHN CLARENCE GEESEY. Not only does John Clarence Geesey operate his father's valuable farm of 100 acres in German Township, but his own 100 acres additional, and he is recognized as one of the most progressive agriculturists in his neighborhood. He was born on his father's homestead in German Township on May 3, 1867, a son of William H. and Eliza Jane (Wolverton) Geesey. The grandfather, a native of Germany, came to the United States in middle age and bought 113 acres of land in German Township, Fulton county, being one of the pioneers of this region. He and his wife had twelve children born to them, of whom William H. Geesey was the third in order of birth. When a young man twenty-one years of age he took a trip to the western coast in search of gold, during the excitement occasioned by the discovery of gold in California. He was one of the first to leave Fulton county for California, remaining there six years, and returning to the States during the year of 1864. The following year he purchased the farm of 100 acres located in German Township of Fulton county, Ohio. July 15, 1866, he was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Wolverton and resided on this farm until the year 1896, when they retired and moved to West Unity, Ohio, leaving his farm under the management of his son John Clarence Geesey, who still operates it.

John Clarence Geesey attended the Edinburg School and the West Unity High School, acquiring an excellent public school education. When he reached his majority he moved on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-seven years he was married to Minnie Irene Misel, a graduate of West Unity High School, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Fisher) Misel, of West Unity, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Geesey have the following children: Mildred, who is Mrs. Frederick Salter, and has one child, John William, born on October 2, 1919; Donald D., who is twenty-one years old; Ralph M., who is nineteen years old; Frieda Gertrude, who is seventeen years old; Charles Albert, who is fifteen years old; and Helen Marie, twelve years old.

With the exception of four years spent at West Unity when he operated a bakery, Mr. Geesey has been on this farm and is engaged in general farming. In national matters it is his practice to vote the republican ticket, but in local matters he prefers to exercise his judgment and support the man he deems best fitted for the office in question. He belongs to West Unity Lodge No. 637, Knights of Pythias, and to Brady Grange No. 2164. At present he is trustee of German Township, and he is the only republican who ever acted as presiding judge of election in this township. Understanding farming as he does, Mr. Geesey has been enabled to make his work and his land pay him a fair profit, and he is proud of the fact that he, his father and his grandfather have all been producers of foodstuffs from land which belonged to them.

GEORGE J. HALLAUER, manager of the Northwestern Ohio Telephone Company at Wauseon, is an expert in many branches of the electrical business, and for many years was a valued worker with the telephone company at Wauseon, where he learned his trade and profession.

Mr. Hallauer was born at Wauseon in 1883, a son of Martin and Bena (Greser) Hallauer. He attended the public schools at Wauseon and one year in high school, and then went to work for the Home Telephone Company. He advanced rapidly in its service and for many years was night manager. He is now a stockholder in the telephone company. In 1919 he resigned his position to invest his savings and experience in association with Charles E. Mattison, under the firm name of Battery Service Company, and they had complete facilities for recharging, rebuilding electric batteries and had the agency in Fulton county for the Willard Battery Service of Cleveland. January 1, 1920, Mr. Hallauer sold his interest in the business to G. Scott Roos, and he then accepted the position of manager at Wauseon of the Northwestern Ohio Telephone Company.

In 1917 Mr. Hallauer married Mina Miller, daughter of Dr. Jay and Lilly (Adams) Miller, of Wauseon. They have one son, John William, born in 1918. Mr. Hallauer is independent in politics and is affiliated with Wauseon Lodge No. 347 of the Masons and with the Knights of Pythias.

GOTTLIEB ECKERT. It was in 1884 that Gottlieb Eckert came to Ottawa county, Ohio. He was born in Germany May 15, 1865, and had not yet attained to his majority when he immigrated to America. He was a son of William and Rebecca Eckert, both of whom died in Germany.

Mr. Eckert always worked at farming in Ottawa county, and sometimes he would run an engine in a saw mill. In fact he was a man of all trades. In November, 1892, he married Margaret Schug, who was also a German. She was a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Morh) Schug, who were immigrants, although she was born in Amboy. The parents met and were married in Fulton county. The wife died in 1914, and Mr. Schug, who survives, is eighty-five years old.

Gottlieb Eckert worked as a farmer in several Ohio counties and in 1905 he bought eighty acres of partly improved farm land in Pike Township and finished making a farm of it. He cleared the brush and stumps, remodeled the buildings and fenced the fields. He put the farm into excellent condition. He died December 29, 1918, and Mrs. Eckert relates the family history. Their children are: William, deceased, who was a soldier in the war of the nations, and died October 25, 1918, at Camp Sheridan; Sherman, a discharged soldier from service in France; Lawrence, Fern, Ernest, Paul, Mary and John.

Mr. Eckert was a republican. He held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 584 of Genoa, Ohio.

The late Mr. Eckert was in his fifty-fourth year when he died. He had come to America a poor boy, with only his ambition and the skill of his hands. He was the type of man that America readily and kindly adopts. He possessed the qualities of good citizenship. Fundamentally he relied upon his hard work and energy to gain the things he desired, and while he realized his modest ambitions, improved and developed a good farm for his family, his life was also an expression of worthy citizenship, and that citizenship is also continued through his children, two of whom earned the lasting honor of their country by service as soldiers.

Gottlieb Eckert

Lewis G. Aton, of Swan Creek, is a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania. He was born there January 18, 1842, being a son of Rufus and Usebia (Mead) Aton. The father was born in Pennsylvania, but the mother was a native of York state. They married and settled in Pennsylvania, but in 1848 they removed to Erie county, Ohio. In 1852 they moved again, this time locating in Swan Creek, Fulton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Aton came with her grandparents, Amos and Elizabeth (Garrison) Mead, to Fulton county. They had bought an eighty-acre tract of land and here they lived and died, and Mr. Aton's father also died in a short time, but his mother bought a twenty-acre tract and continued her residence in Swan Creek until 1913, when her death occurred, and Mr. and Mrs. Aton were left in the community.

Mr. Aton has brothers Levi D., of Calhoun county, Iowa, and David M. and Chauncey M., both of Swan Creek Township. In May, 1861, Mr. Aton enlisted in Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served as a private in the Civil war under Generals Grant, Thomas and Sherman. He was in many of the hard-fought battles and he was with General Sherman in the famous march from Atlanta to the sea, having covered the distance from Chattanooga and continued the march from Atlanta. Mr. Aton received his honorable discharge from the army July 21, 1865, escaping without injury and returned then to private citizenship in Fulton county.

On September 9, 1867, Mr. Aton married Adelia D. Nicholas. She was born September 9, 1852, in Huron, Erie county. She was a girl wife, the daughter of Thomas and Roena (Fuller) Nicholas. The parents were from Vermont.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Aton invested in a twenty-acre tract of timber land in Swan Creek, but he farmed other land on the shares, working at odd times clearing his own land, and in 1871 he built the house and moved to his own home, and here he has lived since that time, engaged in general farming. His early education was in common school, and he has given his children the improved advantages of the present day. The children are: Thomas Edison, of Toledo, who married Nellie Inman. They have two daughters; Ada May is the wife of W. A. Harp of Toledo; Edna Belle is the youngest in the family. The first born, Millie Leola, died at the age of seven years.

Mr. Aton is republican in political affiliation, and he is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 228, of Swanton.

Rolla E. Miller. Born and bred in York Township, Rolla E. Miller is still a resident of this portion of Fulton county and one of its successful farmers and enthusiastic boosters. He was born on February 25, 1872, a son of Warren T. and Henrietta P. (Dumaresq) Miller, natives of York Township and Cuyahoga county, Ohio, respectively. The grandparents, John S. and Rebecca (Wright) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania, were very early settlers in York Township. The maternal grandparents, John and Margaret (McKay) Dumaresq, were also among the early settlers of Fulton county.

Following their marriage Warren T. Miller and his wife located in York Township, and there he continued farming until his death, which occurred in February, 1915. His widow survives him and lives

in Wauseon. Their children were as follows: John, who was drowned at the age of eighteen months; Martha, who was Mrs. Theodore Fonty, died in 1897; Rolla E., whose name heads this review; and Octavia, who is Mrs. Ira Free, of York Township.

On August 22, 1893, Rolla E. Miller was married to Lucy C. Seymour, born in York Township, a daughter of Gideon and Rosena B. (Slagel) Seymour, natives of Pennsylvania and Coshocton county, Ohio, respectively. Immediately thereafter he moved to his farm of eighty acres on section 27, York Township. At that time there were thirty-nine acres of it cleared, the remainder being in the timber. Since then Mr. Miller has put his place in fine order, all of it but ten acres being under cultivation, he preferring to keep that in timber, and he has erected a set of modern buildings. Here he carries on general farming according to the most approved methods, and is a man universally respected.

By his first marriage Mr. Miller had three children, namely: Cecil, who lives at Wauseon, married Laura Leitner and they have two children, June Christine and Ruth Arlene; Kenneth and Ford R., who died in infancy. The first Mrs. Miller died on May 1, 1911, and Mr. Miller was married on January 5, 1916, to Minnie A. Timbers, born in York Township, a daughter of Eli and Lucinda E. (Wise) Timbers, natives of Van Wert and Fulton counties, Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Miller was the widow of James P. Atwater at the time of her second marriage, and the mother of the following children: Maurice Burdett, who lives at Toledo, Ohio; Rosco, who died in infancy; Paul Edmund, who also lives at Toledo, Ohio; and Adelia May, who married Reville Regenold of Swanton, Ohio. Mr. Atwater died on December 14, 1914, at Milton Center, Wood county, Ohio, having been a harnessmaker by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Ralph Herman.

While Mr. Miller's attendance at school was limited to the time he went to the Empire District School, his wife had the advantages offered by the Delta High School. In politics Mr. Miller is a republican, and fraternally he belongs to Wauseon Lodge No. 156, Knights of Pythias, and Mrs. Miller belongs to the Eastern Star. A member of the United Brethren Church, Mr. Miller is now serving the local congregation as trustee and treasurer.

Mrs. Miller's son, Paul E. Atwater, spent a year in the United States Navy during the World war, and her son-in-law, Reville Regenold, was in a machine gun corps and served in France for fifteen months during the same war. He was in the following offensives: Aisne-Marne, August 1 to 6, 1918; Somme, August 8 to 12, 1918; St. Mihiel, September 12 to 16, 1918; and Meurtha-Moselle, November 10 to 12, 1918.

Ezekiel U. Holland. When it is remembered that the earliest permanent settlements were made in Fulton county during the '30s and that Ezekiel U. Holland was born here toward the close of that decade, it is evident that he is a connecting link between the real pioneer period and the present.

Mr. Holland, who lives on his farm in Amboy Township, was born in Fulton county December 18, 1839. He was eleven years of age when Fulton county was created and organized. His parents, Thomas R. and Deborah (Thompson) Holland, were natives of Buckingham, England. They came over on the same ship, were married after landing in America, and soon after settled in what is

now Royalton Township of Fulton county. Thomas R. Holland had some unusual experience as a pioneer home maker in this wilderness. The land he entered was covered with timber, and there were no roads to connect his farm and home with the few towns in northern Ohio. As he could not raise a crop, in order to get the money for his necessary household supplies he secured employment in helping build the first dock in the Toledo harbor. It required a courage surpassing that of most modern women for his wife to remain alone in the wilderness, in the little cabin home, surrounded by wolves and other wild animals, while her husband was away. At midnight on Sunday he would leave his wife at home, walk the entire distance within four miles of Toledo, do a day's work on Monday as well as every other day in the week, and after a full day on Saturday would walk home. He kept this up for two winter seasons. The summers he was busy in clearing and trying to get a modest crop of wheat or oats to grow among the stumps. At times the food supply in the house would get so low that members of the family would go into the fields, husk corn from the stalk, grate it and convert it into mush. Thomas Holland never hired work done on his farm, but by the device of changing work with his neighbors got forty acres cleared and thus did his part in the development of at least one farm in Fulton county. The children of Thomas R. Holland and wife were: Anna M., deceased; Ezekiel U.; Louisa, wife of Joseph Southworth, of Weston, Michigan; John P., of Toledo; and Esther Jane, deceased.

Ezekiel U. Holland has many memories of the conditions above described and the hardships of the life of the earliest pioneers. In order to get some schooling he walked through the woods from his home to the schoolhouse more than a mile away, but attended school only two or three months each winter, the rest of his time being spent at work, and his education was practically ended by the time he was eighteen years of age. After that he was a working factor in the household, and at the age of twenty he left home and became dependent on his own resources. During the Civil war Mr. Holland enlisted, but after one month of training was released from further duty. On January 7, 1862, he married Louisa Jane Driscoll, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, daughter of John and Susan (Myers) Driscoll, natives of the same county. After his marriage Mr. Holland bought fifty-two acres. Five acres had been cleared and seven acres were in "slashings." This land was in section 18 of Amboy Township. Some years later he had it cleared, and then bought fifty acres more in section 19. At the present time he has a farm with about forty acres in cultivated fields, while the rest is used for timber and pasture. Mr. Holland served one term as constable.

His first wife died May 23, 1890. She was the mother of two sons, Willis Edgar, deceased, and William Emery, of Amboy Township. Mr. Holland married for his second wife Sarah C. Moore, daughter of William Moore.

Walter A. Tappan. The history of the Tappan family in Ohio begins in 1835, when the grandparents of Walter A. Tappan arrived at Toledo. These grandparents were Moses Q. and Hettie (Miller) Tappan, natives of New Jersey. From Hanover, New Jersey, they came west by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Toledo.

Moses Q. Tappan was a shoemaker by trade, but his ambition was

to own an Ohio farm, and in 1839 he bought 160 acres of timber in what later became Fulton county. Along with being a shoemaker and farmer Mr. Tappan was a great hunter and provided wild meat for his family. He improved his timber claim and spent his life there, dying June 27, 1858. His widow survived him more than forty years, passing away September 16, 1899.

Their grandson, Walter A. Tappan, was born in Pike Township October 27, 1870, son of Herman M. and Harriet (Wood) Tappan. Herman M. Tappan was born in Fulton county, on the old homestead, and first saw the light of day and lived and died in a house that is still standing, an historic landmark, being the first frame house built in Pike Township. Herman Tappan died April 23, 1914, and his wife on April 11, 1917. Harriet Wood was born in Medina county, Ohio, a daughter of William H. and Laura (Fuller) Wood, natives of New York. Her parents were married in Cleveland and about 1860 they located in Fulton county.

Walter A. Tappan, the older of the two children of his parents, had a common school education and also attended the Wauseon Normal School one winter. On St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 1897, he married Edna E. Wright. She was born in Pike Township July 17, 1877, a daughter of Charles and Clarissa (Tappan) Wright. Her paternal grandparents, George and Ann (Harrison) Wright, came from England in 1826 and located in Fulton county in 1853. Her maternal grandparents, Whitfield and Amanda (Woodford) Tappan, were also pioneers of Fulton county, reaching here about 1835.

Mr. and Mrs. Tappan began farm activities on an eighty, and they have added to it from time to time until they have a farm of 190 acres under splendid cultivation. They have good farm buildings and besides general farming Mr. Tappan has thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs and a dairy of Holstein cows.

There are two children: Gertrude, born January 3, 1898, and Herman, born May 13, 1903. Mr. Tappan votes with the republican party. He has served as township treasurer and township clerk for twenty-five years. He believes in the social uplift of the rural community and is active in the Grange.

When the roll of pioneers is called in Fulton county an interesting answer can always be made to the name of Tappan, since it represents a family that not only helped to clear the wilderness and establish homes and other evidences of community life, but through successive generations have maintained the same high standard of citizenship, and among those of the present generation Walter A. Tappan, as this brief outline shows, has many things to indicate the value of his material achievements as well as his public spirit and willing service to the community.

Amos Woolace, who has been a resident of Fulton county most of his life, began his career as an independent farmer nearly forty-five years ago. He converted a comparatively raw tract of land in Gorham Township into a high class farm, built one of the finest country homes in that section, but for the past eighteen years has been a retired resident of Fayette.

Mr. Woolace was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 13, 1853, son of William and Mary (Schlotman) Woolace, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York. William Woolace was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1816, son of Evan

and Elizabeth Woolace. Mary Schlotman was born November 13, 1816, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Schlotman. William Woolace and wife were married January 30, 1840, and a year or so later moved to a farm in Fairfield county, Ohio, and after fourteen years of residence there moved to Gorham Township, Fulton county. William Woolace bought eighty acres of partly improved land, added 120 acres more, and eventually had the entire farm completely developed and improved. Late in life he sold this place to his sons, Frank and William, and after that he and his wife spent their last years in Fayette. A record of the children of William and Mary Woolace is as follows: Daniel Franklin, born January 3, 1841, a resident of Gorham Township; Perry, born November 16, 1842; James Jacob, born October 3, 1844, a resident of Fayette; Lovina Elizabeth, born October 8, 1848, died August 16, 1864; William A., born August 22, 1851, deceased; Amos, born April 13, 1853; and John Evan, born September 12, 1855.

Amos Woolace was educated in the district schools of Fulton county and at the age of twenty-three, on December 13, 1876, married Amanda Gambee. She was born in Seneca county, New York, July 18, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Scheaffer) Gambee, the former of Seneca county, New York, and the latter of Northampton county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Woolace's paternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine (Gamber) Gambee, of New York State, while her maternal grandparents, George and Elizabeth (Beaver) Scheaffer, came from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Woolace was one of the following children: Valeria, Mrs. George Bodley, of Fayette, Ohio; George, who died in childhood; Mrs. Woolace; Edward, of Fayette; and Frank, of Clayton, Michigan.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Woolace moved to eighty acres in section 30 of Gorham Township. Some of the land had been cleared and cropped, and the building improvements were an old house and equally old barn. Through the energy and progressiveness of Mr. Woolace the farm took on new life, and in the fall of 1889 he began the construction of a splendid fourteen-room modern brick home, his family moving into the new residence in the spring of 1890. After that he continued his work as a general farmer until 1902, when he bought a fine residence at Fayette, and has since thoroughly modernized it. Mr. Woolace is a democrat, has served as senior and junior warden of Fayette Lodge No. 387 of the Masons, is a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias at Fayette, and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekahs.

Of their children the older is William Dayton, who was born April 28, 1879, and is now living on the home farm. Earl Ganbee, born May 6, 1881, lives at Fayette. He married Gartha Garland, a native of Gorham Township and daughter of William and Ethel (Scott) Garland, of Lenawee county, Michigan.

John F. Witmer, of Sunnyside Farm in Swan Creek Township, is a son of immigrant parents, although he was born, September 25, 1859, in the Swan Creek community. Rudolph and Maria (Kaiser) Witmer were born in Switzerland. The grandfather, John Witmer, came with his family to America, and in 1834 he located in Lucas county, Ohio. He afterward removed to York Township in Fulton county.

Soon after their marriage Rudolph and Maria Witmer bought wild land and located in the timber in Swan Creek. He was born

in Switzerland in 1815, and was a young man when he began the transformation of this timber country into cultivated farm lands. On June 21, 1834, while this pioneer family was living in a bark shanty in the woods, there was a terrible wind and rain storm, blowing down the forest trees in great numbers all about them, not a limb, however, striking this primitive dwelling, and they regarded their escape as little short of miraculous. There were two Witmer brothers in the Union Army, one of them being killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing. Rudolph Witmer died August 3, 1882, while his wife died July 17, twenty years later. She had one daughter by a former marriage, Sophia, who became the wife of John Hall.

The children born to Rudolph and Maria Witmer are: Mary Ann, wife of Amos Raker, of Pike Township; John F.; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood.

On February 5, 1900, John F. Witmer married Florence Bixler. She is a daughter of Balser and Sarah A. (Deck) Bixler, and she is a native of Swan Creek. Her father was born in Stark county and her mother is a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. The grandparents on both sides of the house, Samuel and Susan (Mock) Bixler, and Abraham and Sarah (Snyder) Deck, were all Pennsylvanians although early residents of Fulton county.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Witmer secured possession of Sunnyside Farm. It was partly improved, but they remodeled the farm buildings and added to them until they have an attractive farmstead today. He has always carried on general farming and specializes in the dairy business. He had a common school education, and has been road superintendent in Swan Creek. He affiliates with the Grange, votes the democratic ticket, and is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Witmer is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Delta.

The two daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Witmer are: Dorothy Florence and Zelma Marguerite.

Sunnyside Farm is the home of a very interesting family, and some of the names and facts brought out in this brief sketch of the proprietor suggest a wide range of historic circumstances and events in this part of northwest Ohio. The Witmers have lived here for over eighty-five years, and it seems appropriate and just that such a substantial citizen as the owner of Sunnyside Farm should be the grandson of one of the rugged pioneers who helped develop the wilderness.

Francis Edgar Guild, superintendent of the light and power department of the Toledo & Indiana Railway Company, is an efficient engineer, and has shown himself to be an executive of definite capability since he has made his headquarters in Wauseon, Ohio.

He was born in Amherst, Ohio, on April 9, 1884, the son of George and Mary (Claus) Guild, of that place. The Guild family is of Scottish origin, but for some generations has been in America, and scions of that family have generally followed merchandising and industrial occupations in this country. Francis E. spent his minority in Amherst, attended the local elementary and high schools, and after leaving school worked for six months in the local railroad station as telegraph operator. Leaving the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where for eight months he was in the

employ of A. J. Thrasher and Company, wholesale groceries. His next business connection was with a Cleveland, Ohio, machinery company, and shortly afterward he entered the employ of the Cleveland Electrical Company as switchboard operator. For three years he served as such, and then finished a course in the switchboard construction department. He had definitely taken up electrical work as a profession, and resolved to take all the theoretical training necessary to properly qualify as an expert. He started the electrical course at the Case School of Applied Science, and finished at Indiana State University at Bloomington, Indiana, showing commendable characteristics in so doing, as it was necessary for him to work his way through to the junior year. For eighteen months after leaving the university he was in comparatively good employment, traveling as erection engineer for the National Meter Company of Chicago. Then he received a similar but more lucrative appointment with the Southern Indiana Power Company, which appointment he held for 2½ years, when he resigned so that he might accept the position of superintendent of the Amherst Municipal Light Company. In that capacity he remained in his native town for five years, after which he was erecting engineer to the George E. Milligan Company at Elyria, Ohio, for nine months. Then followed fifteen months of good work as construction superintendent for the Gibsonburg, Ohio, Electric Light Company, which brings his professional record up to 1915, when he became connected with Wauseon in his capacity of superintendent of the light and power department of the Toledo and Indiana Traction Company, which responsibility he has since held to the general satisfaction. His territory covers a distance of forty-eight miles, from Stryker to Toledo, and he has proved to be a popular and efficient executive.

Politically Mr. Guild is an independent. He is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge of Amherst, and to the Eastern Star, and also belongs to the Amherst branch of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and to the Wauseon Lodge of the Knights of Pythias Order. Religiously he is a Methodist. Mr. Guild, who is unmarried, has made very many friends since he has been in Wauseon, and has shown a good and generous public spirit.

Walter William Caddell. Owing to his long and active connection with the amusement interests of Wauseon, the name of Walter W. Caddell needs no formal introduction to the readers of this work. In a straightforward manner he has sought to perform the duties of a progressive citizen of the community, and while advancing his own interests he has also in a very definite way contributed to the entertainment of the people in a wholesome and satisfactory manner, which has won for him the commendation of the people generally. Personally he is public-spirited and enterprising, and gives his support to every movement looking to the advancement of the best interests of the locality in which he lives.

Walter W. Gaddell, owner of the popular Princess Theater at Wauseon, was born in Buffalo, New York, on March 8, 1890, and is the son of W. W., Sr., and Ella (Franke) Caddell. On the paternal side he is descended from sterling old Scotch stock, his grandfather having immigrated to America, settling in Toronto, Canada, where he followed the business of contracting. He was married there and became the father of thirteen children, of which number the subject's father was one of the youngest. The latter was reared

to manhood in Toronto, but subsequently moved to Buffalo, New York, where he became engaged in the lithographing business. In 1892 he returned to Toronto, where he spent the remainder of his days, having become superintendent of the McDonald Lithographing Company's plant and holding that position at the time of his death, which occurred in 1900. His widow is now making her home in Buffalo.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Buffalo and Toronto. When fifteen years of age he gained wide reputation as a boy soprano singer in the great spectacle, "The Life of Christ," which was shown during the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, and he was afterward the leading boy soprano in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Cathedral at Buffalo for two years. During the following year he was employed as a singer of illustrated songs in Buffalo, after which he was connected for a time with various theaters in that city. He then produced a comedy sketch, "I Remember You," which he showed throughout New York state for seven months. He then was employed as a baritone singer at the opening of the Academy Theatre in Buffalo, following which he joined the staff of the Princess Theater at Detroit, Michigan. Later he went on the road in a black-face act, showing at various points over the country for four months, following which he organized the Lancaster & Small Comedy Company. With this company he came to Wauseon, and was so well pleased with this place that he decided to locate here and has made this his home ever since. He entered into a partnership with Harry Sinerick and they bought the Princess Theater, which they operated together for one year, at the end of which time, in 1913, Mr. Caddell bought his partner's interest and since that time has been the sole owner of the house. The theater, which has a seating capacity of 2,350, is one of the most popular amusement houses in this section of the state and draws its patronage from a radius of fifteen miles. It is now devoted exclusively to the silent drama, Mr. Caddell making it a point to exhibit none but the best films, and owing to this fact and the courteous treatment accorded the patrons of the theater it has become the favorite playhouse of the best people of the community.

On October 10, 1916, Mr. Caddell was married to Margaret Payne, the daughter of Charles Payne, of Buffalo, New York, and they have one child, Walter William, Jr., born on September 23, 1917. In his political views Mr. Caddell is independent, fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, while his religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church. In all his relations with the community Mr. Caddell has been actuated by the highest motives, and his efforts to provide the cleanest and most wholesome amusement and entertainment has been duly appreciated. Genial and unassuming, he has earned and enjoys the respect and good will of all who know him.

Elvan R. Babylon. The men whose achievements have been of the greatest benefit to their communities are not those who, through exceptionally favorable opportunities, have in a comparatively short period of time gained both wealth and prominence, but the men whose careers have shown a steady and gradual development. Elvan R. Babylon, manager of Baldwin's Tool Works of Wauseon, is eminently one who has risen gradually through his own efforts, and whose love of principle and strength of character

have gained for him the respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

Elvan R. Babylon was born near Sidney in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1895, a son of Marion L. and Emma (Love) Babylon, solid and substantial people of German descent. After attending the common schools of Piqua, Ohio, and Parkersburg, West Virginia, Elvan R. Babylon took the high school course of the latter city and was graduated therefrom in 1914.

Resolving upon a practical career Mr. Babylon entered the Baldwin Tool Works at Parkersburg, West Virginia, and spent a year in the handle department. While there he found that better educational training would secure him advancement as nothing else, and so he entered the University of Cincinnati, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and took a three years' course in electrical engineering, and upon the completion of it returned to his old employers, who sent him to their plant at Wauseon, of which they made him manager, for they recognized that his natural abilities had been so trained as to make him available timber for such a responsible position.

In 1919 Mr. Babylon was united in marriage with Mary Betty Martin, a daughter of Leo Martin of Parkersburg, West Virginia, whom he had known and admired for several years. Mr. Babylon is a Mason and belongs to Wauseon Lodge No. 349, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a typical hustler and knows how to handle the many and intricate problems presented in his everyday work. Having been in the mechanical end of the business, he knows how to enter into the feelings of his men and give them a fair deal, and at the same time protect the interests of his company. Because of this understanding and a naturally sympathetic nature Mr. Babylon is a very valuable man to his concern, and has less labor troubles than many. Upright and honorable, he is a valued addition to the civic life of Wauseon, just as he is to other circles, and although as yet, aside from exercising his right of suffrage by voting the republican ticket, he has taken no decisive part in politics, he is regarded as one who has the best interests of the city at heart and is willing to exert himself to see that good men are elected to office. As he is both intelligent and progressive he naturally is in favor of improvements, but believes that they should be made after due consideration and not merely to afford grounds for foolish boosting and the creation of over-confidence. The future before Wauseon, in his mind, is a very promising one, and expansion is bound to come, but it must be brought about in a sane manner, along legitimate lines, and not through a misguided and extravagant expediture of public funds.

Allen Bertrand Carter, who for more than forty years has lived in Franklin Township, Fulton county, is among the representative successful farmers of that section of the county, industrious and enterprising in his farming, and generous in his personal and financial support of the public, church, and social responsibilities of the community.

He comes of a family which has place in the early records of Dover Township, his grandfather, Daniel Carter, having come into Fulton county and Dover Township from New England, where the Carter family had previously settled. It is therefore one of the old American families. Daniel Carter raised a family in Dover Township, among his sons being D. Lafayette, who when he grew to man-

hood himself took to responsible farming in the county. He owned a farm east of Tedrow for some years, but later purchased a good estate in Franklin Township, where he died in September, 1906. He married Laodemia A. Minnick, and to them were born two sons, John Roscoe, now of Detroit, married, and the father of two children, and Allen Bertrand, who has remained on the home farm, which, since his father's death, he has managed and now owns.

Allen Bertrand, son of D. Lafayette and Laodemia A. (Minnick) Carter, was born on the parental farm east of Tedrow, Fulton county, in 1886. When he was three years old his parents moved to Franklin Township, his father having sold the Tedrow property and purchased a good farm of eighty acres at Franklin Township, where the boy was raised, and where he has ever since lived. He attended District School No. 7, of Franklin Township until he was seventeen years old. From that year until the present he has steadily continued to apply himself to the working of the home farm, having been responsible for the affairs of the family and the farm for practically the whole period, as he was only three years out of school when his father died. He has shown a sturdy, steady character, and is of enviable repute in the district as one of its most reliable, responsible residents. Politically he is a republican, and upon many occasions he has taken active part in community affairs, but he has never been interested in political affairs to the extent of hoping for or seeking public office. He has preferred to apply himself steadily to matters of production upon his own farm than to legislative occupations. He has prospered well, and has some other business interests, among them a holding in the Tedrow Mutual Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers.

In 1915 he married Edna Bessie Nifzinger, of German Township, Fulton county. They have one child, a son, Ivan Herbert, who was born in 1916.

Glen D. Stetten, an enterprising and alert young man, in independent business as an ornamental iron and steel worker and general blacksmith in Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, in association with his father, is showing much steady manliness in his work and a business acumen of encouraging grade.

He was born in Morenci, Michigan, in 1897, the son of Peter B. and Retta (Fogelsong) Stetten. His father, Peter B. Stetten, was until quite recently in steady business as a blacksmith in Morenci, Michigan, and during the years of residence in that place the family became widely known and well-regarded, Peter B. Stetten having always been a responsible citizen, of commendable industry and worthy life. He entered much into public affairs in the community, and held office in the local civic administration. And he also was prominently identified with the functioning of local branches of leading fraternal orders. He belongs to the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Morenci, to the Morenci branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the local erie of the Order of Eagles. In connection with the local lodge of Odd Fellows he attended the Grand Lodge at Detroit. Politically Peter B. Stetten is a republican, and one of close and intelligent interest in national affairs. To Peter B. and Retta (Fogelsong) Stetten have been born five children, of whom their son Glen D. was the third born. He grew to manhood in his native place, Morenci, Michigan, attending the public schools of that place, and advancing in grade until he

became a senior in the Morenci High School. Entering business life, he took apprenticeship with his father at blacksmithing and iron and steel working, and for the next three years worked steadily at that trade in Morenci under direction of his father. Eventually he became a journeyman blacksmith, and for about twelve months traveled as such, afterward returning to Morenci and again taking up work with his father. In August, 1919, both came to Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, and established themselves in business as general blacksmiths and iron and steel workers. Both father and son are skilled workmen, and apt at most operations connected with the working of iron and steel.

In political allegiance Mr. Glen D. Stetten is a republican, and, like his father, shows indication that he will take an active interest in political movements. He is a young man of good Christian principle and clean manly life, and will in all probability prosper well, being a man of marked energy and good business instinct, and, withal, of good education.

Joel Yoder, who recently became independently established in business as a grocer and butcher in the town of Archbold, and is handling that business in a promising manner, is a native of Fulton county, and comes of a family which is placed among the early families of the county.

He was born in German Township, Fulton county, in 1889, the son of John and Anna (Yoder) Yoder. His parents, although having the same patronymic, are not blood relatives, but Joel Yoder certainly belongs to the Yoder family of Fulton county record. He was born on the Yoder family homestead in German Township. Joel's early experience was somewhat similar to that of other sons of farmers, in that he attended country school during the winter and spring period, but during the long summer vacations most of his days were spent in useful work upon the parental farm. He continued to attend school until he was sixteen years old, after which he took increasing part in the operation of the home farm. He remained with his parents, steadily working the family property, for fourteen years after leaving school, and it was only in the summer of 1919 that he resolved to enter commercial life. In September, 1919, he opened a grocery and meat market in Archbold, and although it is too early yet to state that the enterprise will succeed, he is a young man of good reputation, responsible, steady and aggressive; and, withal, of good honest purpose, so that in all probability he will as the years pass gain a reputation for reliability of product and fairness of price. He has shown a steadiness of purpose during his fourteen years of farming that augers well for his future as a merchant.

Wesley S. Robinson has always lived in Royalton, having been born February 26, 1860, in that township. He secured a common school education, and in later years he has served as a school director in Royalton. In political matters he is republican, and he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge of Lyons, fills the chair of noble grand, and also affiliates with the Rebekahs.

Mr. Robinson is a son of Marvin E. and Lavina (Onweller) Robinson, the father having been born in 1833 in Seneca county, New York. The mother is of German parentage. His grandfather,

Barnett M. Robinson, came to Royalton in 1835—territorial days in Fulton county. The word pioneer applies to the Robinson family.

On January 11, 1887, Mr. Robinson married Victoria McGurer, who was born in December, 1858, in Lake county. She is a daughter of Eli B. and Harriet (Dowin) McGurer, who lived at Willoughby, Lake county. The mother died in 1859, and in 1887 the father came to Fulton county.

Mr. Robinson lived 2½ years in Toledo after his marriage, then located on the forty acre farm he had purchased in Royalton. About fifteen acres had been cleared when he located on this farm, and he completed the clearing and the land is all under cultivation. Mr. Robinson gives attention to all branches of farming. He has one daughter, Myrtle May.

Estill Leonard Sindel, who for many years has been secretary of the Fulton County Mutual Insurance & Aid Association, is a resident of Delta and is descended from two of the earliest pioneer families in the county.

He was born at Winameg May 21, 1865, son of Edward C. and Nancy A. (Tappan) Sindel. His paternal grandparents, John and Harriet N. (Dixon) Sindel, were natives of New Jersey and in 1834 traveled with wagon and team overland until they arrived in Pike Township of Fulton county. They settled on a tract of government land which the father of Harriet Dixon had entered from the government. Mrs. Harriet Sindel from that time until her death never moved from the farm, but through the accident of history it was her fortune to live in two states, four counties and several townships. The maternal grandparents, Moses and Hettie (Miller) Tappan, were also natives of New Jersey, and came to Fulton county about the same time as the Sindel family, occupying adjoining farms and being neighbors in the wilderness. Edward Sindel after his marriage located at Winameg, and for many years was a carpenter and builder, school teacher, merchant and postmaster. He died in 1907, and his widow, who was born in 1841, is still living at Winameg. Estill L. is the oldest of their children. Herman Elmer lives at Lyons, Bertha Harriet was born in 1872 and died at the age of two years, and Edward Everett lives with his mother, who is now Mrs. Philip Fetter.

Estill Leonard Sindel acquired a first class education, beginning in the district schools, attending the public and high schools at Wauseon and the Fayette Normal and the Valparaiso Business College in Indiana. He taught his first school before he was sixteen years of age. At the age of nineteen he began a career as an educator which continued until he had taught in district schools for twenty-seven years. In all that time it was his daily custom to eat a cold lunch, put up either by his mother or his wife, and his noon meal was of that character except for six months. While teaching Mr. Sindel also busied himself with managing a twenty acre farm in Pike Township.

He was elected secretary of the Fulton County Mutual Insurance & Aid Association and has held that office continuously since January 16, 1897. In August, 1913, he moved to Delta, buying a farm nearby, but in 1915 traded his country property for a modern frame residence in the village, and maintains his office in his residence.

October 26, 1892, he married Lucy Lucinda Geer, who was born in Fulton county December 7, 1866, daughter of Milo and

Rebecca (Parker) Geer, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Sindel have one son, Walter E., born June 8, 1907.

Mr. Sindel is an elder in the Christian Church. He has served as township clerk and justice of the peace in Pike Township and continuously since the age of twenty-one has held a commission as notary public. He is a republican, is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Delta, and he and his wife are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. Mr. Sindel also owns an improved eighty acre farm in Pike Township.

William H. Standish, proprietor of the Royalton Stock Farm and an acknowledged expert and judge of livestock, is in the eighth generation of descent from the famous Capt. Miles Standish, one of the foremost figures in the Pilgrim colony that landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Mr. Standish's grandfather was Rial Standish, who came to Ohio from western New York in 1831 and settled in Huron county, but a few years later removed to what is now Fulton county, and was one of the pioneers in this vicinity. He had made the trip by ox team and wagon, and acquired his tract of government land in section 18.

William H. Standish was born in section 18 of Royalton Township May 17, 1864, son of Rial Clark and Harriet Adelia (Smith) Standish. His father was born in Cayuga county, New York, December 22, 1826, and was about five years of age when the family came to Ohio. Rial Clark Standish as a young man improved the land in section 18 of Royalton Township, cleared away much of the heavy timber and lived there until the spring of 1889, when he moved to Wauseon, and died December 18, 1898. His first wife died October 4, 1873. Later he married Minerva Camburn, who was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, and is now living at Toledo. The children of Rial Clark Standish were all by his first marriage: Fannie M., who died at the age of eight years; Phoebe, Mrs. Orin Ranger, of Newaygo, Michigan; Viola, Mrs. Andrew Disbrow, of Royalton Township; Miles T., of Royalton; Charlotte, Mrs. Frank Camburn, of Lyons; Rial C., of Royalton; William H.; and Orin C., of Wauseon.

William H. Standish acquired his education in the district schools, was married at the age of twenty-one, and for several years afterwards lived on his father's farm. He then spent one summer season on Seven Islands at Grand Lodge, Michigan, and on returning to Fulton county worked his father's farm on the shares for seven years. He then acquired eighty acres of the tract which his father had taken up from the government, and subsequently enlarged it by the purchase of ten acres more from his brother. The Royalton Stock Farm therefore comprises ninety acres. When Mr. Standish bought the land its improvements consisted of a house and some old buildings. The farm is now almost a village center, having a group of twenty-one buildings altogether. He has thoroughly modernized the house, has built numerous barns, a tenant house, and has his entire farm plant lighted by acetylene gas and has introduced from time to time every other equipment making for efficient and convenient management.

Mr. Standish is deserving of much credit for introducing the first herd of registered Holstein cattle to the township of Royalton. This is now probably the standard breed of dairy cattle in Fulton

county, and Mr. Standish has been raising registered stock of this class since 1885. He also has Duroc hogs and barred Plymouth Rock poultry, and has been a constant exhibitor of his cattle, hogs and poultry. For a number of years he has been a judge of dairy cattle. His first work of that kind was done at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. With the exception of one year he has been a judge ever since, and has officiated in that capacity at the Canadian National Fair three years at Toronto, in all the provincial fairs of Alberta, for two years was a judge in the Ohio State Fair, one year at the Western National Fair at Denver, judged the dairy exhibits at the Panama Pacific International Fair at San Francisco, and the Nashville, Tennessee, State Fair of 1919.

Mr. Standish has been one of the prominent members of the Fulton County Agricultural Society, has served as director for sixteen years, and his personal influence has been constantly exerted in the direction of improved livestock for the farms of northern Ohio.

July 12, 1885, Mr. Standish married Carrie A. Campbell, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Cora A. (Van Doren) Campbell, natives of the same county. Her maternal grandparents were Nathan and Mary Ann (Cornwall) Van Doren. Mrs. Standish's father is now deceased and her mother is the widow of Dr. G. H. Waddell and now spends winters with a daughter at Raleigh, North Carolina, and the rest of the year lives with Mr. and Mrs. Standish. Mrs. Standish was educated in the grammar and high schools of Wauseon. They have one son, George William, born September 5, 1904, served as a member of the Boy Scouts of Wauseon from the age of twelve, was a member of the Boy Scouts' Band, attended the Culver Military Academy in Indiana and is now a student in King's College at Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Standish for many years has served as a trustee of the Universalist Church at Lyons, for two terms he was township trustee, is a republican voter, has held most of the offices of Lyons Lodge No. 622 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are active in Rebekah Lodge No. 289 at Lyons.

Andrew Jackson Hart is a citizen of more than half a century's standing in Fulton county and an old and honored resident of Swan Creek Township.

Mr. Hart was born in Holmes county, Ohio, June 17, 1844, son of Samuel and Eliza (Moore) Hart. His father was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and as a young man lived in Steubenville, Ohio, and then moved to Holmes county. By his first marriage he had the following children: Jacob, Jane, Samuel, Julia, James Henry and John Wesley, all deceased. In Holmes county he married Eliza Moore, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio. She died in Fulton county in 1892. Samuel Hart died in Holmes county about 1866. Their children were Andrew Jackson; Joseph, deceased; John; Martin, deceased; and Martha, Mrs. Stanley Herrin of Michigan.

Andrew Jackson Hart received a common school education in Holmes county and lived there doing farm work to the age of twenty-one. He also learned the trade of wagonmaker, and in 1866 came to Fulton county, and after being employed a few weeks at Delta by Mike Carr he moved to the little community of Ai in Portage Township and opened a shop of his own. He conducted it

about six years, and then sold out and bought forty acres of unimproved land. He was busy with its improvement and cultivation for two years and then resumed his trade at Swanton, establishing a wagon shop and conducting it two years. The shop was then traded for twenty acres of land adjoining his forty acre place, and he went to work with a right good will building house and barn, clearing and improving, and cultivating the land for thirty years. After selling that farm Mr. Hart bought eight acres in Swan Creek Township. This land was improved. He also acquired a three-quarter acre tract at Brailey, Ohio, built a house and grocery store and was in business as a merchant there for 1½ years. He then returned to his eight acre farm, bought an adjoining thirty-two acres of cleared land, but after five years sold twenty acres. His present home now consists of twenty acres, highly improved with good buildings, and he continues farming it and has also done much work as a carpenter in the neighborhood, building a number of houses and barns.

June 18, 1871, Mr. Hart married Mary Templeton, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 27, 1844, a daughter of John and Susan (Watkins) Templeton, the former a native of Middletown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Steubenville, Ohio. Her grandparents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth Templeton, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hart has served as a school director, is a republican voter, and is affiliated with the Patrons of Husbandry, Good Templars, and the Grange.

Nelson Falor. In the early '40s, not long after the Indians left northern Ohio, the Falor family came into Fulton county, pushing their way over rough and obscure roads and trails through the woods. Their wagons were drawn by ox teams. The family consisted of Andrew and Hannah (McConkey) Falor and several children, including their last born, Nelson.

Nelson Falor was born in Summit county, Ohio, June 1, 1842, and was just an infant when his parents came to Fulton county. His father entered forty acres of timbered land from the government and bought eighty acres more. He cleared it and made a farm and in order to frighten away the wolves from his sheep carried a torch at night. He would frequently work all day in the woods or in the fields, earning a wage of fifty cents, and then return home and split rails and do other necessary work around the house in the night hours. Nelson Falor was one of thirteen children and he grew up in the wilds of Fulton county and is one of the men still living who can speak from knowledge at first hand of the ways and customs of the pioneers. He attended a log cabin school and later the district school of Pike Center. As a youth he went to Summit county and worked at the cooper's trade. The Civil war was then on and in the spring of 1863 he enlisted in Company K of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Infantry. Most of his service was guard duty at the Cumberland Gap. After his release from the army he returned to Summit county for a year and then back to Fulton county.

In 1867 Mr. Falor married Mary A. Salsbury, a native of Pike Township and a daughter of David and Serena Salsbury. Her parents were born in Pennsylvania.

After his marriage Mr. Falor bought forty acres of timber land, and cleared part of it. He then sold and bought eighty acres of

improved farm land, subsequently trading this for eighty acres in section 32 of Pike Township. He has bought and sold several tracts of land, and has recently divided his estate among his children, retaining a life lease on a 126-acre farm in Pike Township.

Mrs. Falor died in 1914. Their children were: Minnie, Mrs. Frank LaSalle, of Pike Township; Roy, living with his father; Laura, Mrs. Dell Patterson, of Pike Township. Mr. Falor is a republican and is affiliated with McQuillan Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

John Frederick Hettinger, who with his family enjoys the comforts of a good farm and rural home in York Township, is a former county surveyor of Fulton county, a veteran schoolmaster, and altogether his career presents a stimulating record.

He was born near Fremont, Ohio, May 27, 1868, son of John and Louise Hettinger. His parents were natives of Germany. John Frederick Hettinger was about eight years old when he lost both his parents, who at that time were living near Perrysburg, Ohio. The township trustees then bound the boy out, but the family with which he lived were people of low ideals and slovenly habits, and the boy soon took it upon himself to run away. He found honest means of making a living, chiefly at farm work, and spent several years in the vicinity of Swanton. He had an ambition for an education and first satisfied this when at the age of sixteen he entered the Fayette Normal School. Without means he paid his tuition and his board by janitor work, sweeping floors, ringing bells, and remained there until he was qualified for a teacher's certificate.

First and last Mr. Hettinger taught about thirty terms of school. For two terms he was at Delta. In the meantime he was furthering his education and other aims in life. He attended the Northwestern Normal School at Wauseon, also the Ohio Northern University at Ada, and on August 16, 1901, he graduated from the Tri-State Normal College at Angola, Indiana. During those years he took several courses in civil engineering, and had his ambition set upon a career as an engineer. Failing eyesight compelled him to abandon his intentions as to a professional career of this nature.

In the fall of 1901, at the Republican County Convention, he was nominated on the second ballot for county surveyor, his nomination being made unanimous. He was elected, receiving 1,622 votes more than his opponent. He served three years and was then chosen for a second term without opposition. He also served an additional year, and was county surveyor from September, 1902, to September, 1909, seven years in all.

In the meantime Mr. Hettinger had acquired ten acres of land in York Township, and as his means increased he added from time to time until he now has a farm of ninety acres. The improvements on his original tract consisted of a house and barn.

Mr. Hettinger also made a successful record as a traveling salesman. For two years he represented the Lewis Corrugated Culvert Company of Elyria, Ohio, and then the Canton Culvert Company. In 1912 he became a traveling representative for the National Fire Proofing Company from the Huntington, Indiana, branch office. During 1914 he sold $40,000 worth of silos, and as a token of appreciation of the company for his services he received a present of a fifty dollar gold watch. He remained with the Fire Proofing Company until 1917, when he went with the Illinois Silo and Tractor

Company of Bloomington, Illinois, and was their representative a year. Since then he has lived on his farm and is well satisfied with the occupations and the profits of a farmer. His farm has been improved with a modern home. Mr. Hettinger is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and served as trustee of his congregation many years.

March 30, 1890, he married Abbie Mary Meeker, who was born at Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of George O. and Hattie (McQuillin) Meeker, the former a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and the latter of Pike Township, Fulton county. The paternal grandparents were John O. and Mary (Hendershot) Meeker, and the former, a native of New Jersey, was taken by his parents to the present site of Cleveland at a very early time in the history of Ohio. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hettinger were David and Lydia (Switzer) McQuillin, natives of Pennsylvania and early and prominent residents of Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Hettinger have one daughter, Hattie Louise, born July 14, 1892. She is now Mrs. Oliver A. Schnur, of York Township, and has two children, Frederick Henry, born September 10, 1914, and Lois Irene, born August 15, 1915.

Arthur Gill, of Swan Creek, was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, his parents had previously lived in Wood county, Ohio. He is a son of Jacob and Mary Ellen (Cost) Gill, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Maryland. The grandfather, William Gill, was an early settler in Wood county, bringing the family name to Bowing Green and vicinity. For nine years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gill lived in Michigan, and some of their children were born there. It was in 1872 that they left Ohio. They had lived in Wood county, but when they returned to Ohio they located in Swan Creek. Her death occurred February 2, 1915, while he lived three years afterward.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gill are: Delmar, of Swan Creek; William, of Maumee; Ernest, of Detroit; Arthur, who commemorates the family; Maud, the wife of Bert Reighard, of Swan Creek; and Virginia, the wife of Charles Born, of Fulton Township. Two children died in early life, Irvin and Claud.

In April, 1901, Arthur Gill married Mildred Elton. She is a daughter of Allen and Ida (Bennett) Elton, the father from England while the mother was born in Ohio. Mr. Elton's parents were Thomas and Mary (Young) Elton of England. The Bennett ancestry had lived in New York before locating in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Elton were married in Toledo, and they afterward moved to a farm in Swan Creek Township, where he met an accidental death in 1883. The widow married Douglas Ottinger, and they lived on the farm until 1906, when they removed to Delta. She died four years later.

Mrs. Arthur Gill has two half brothers: Emerson, of Toledo, and Tracy, of Urbana, Illinois. After his marriage Mr. Gill lived on a rented farm for four years then bought Mrs. Gill's mother's share in the home farm in Swan Creek. While the house was built by her father, Mr. Gill finished clearing the land and added many substantial improvements. While he has always been a farmer, Mr. Gill has served Swan Creek Township as road supervisor. He has been a member of the school board, and in politics he is a republican. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gill are: Glen, Vaughn, Florence and Vern.

Mr. Gill was born February 9, 1879, and at the age of forty has the best part of his life still ahead of him. Nevertheless his work and his influence have been contributing factors in the affairs of Fulton county, and he has already shown the qualifications of an expert farmer, a public-spirited citizen and one who has handled his responsibilities well in connection with various items in the public welfare.

Noah S. Leist. Among the citizens of Fulton county who won their prosperity from the soil long before the modern era of high prices and improved agricultural conditions is Noah S. Leist of Gorham Township, who still lives on his farm, but is able to take life at a leisurely pace and enjoy what his past labors have earned him.

Mr. Leist was born in Piqua county, Ohio, July 9, 1846, son of Samuel and Lovina (Schlotman) Leist, the former a native of Piqua county and a son of Peter Leist, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Daniel Schlotman. Samuel Leist lived in Piqua county until 1849, when he moved to Seneca county, and died fifteen days after reaching there. His widow then returned to the home of her parents in Fairfield county. In May, 1859, the Schlotman family came to Gorham Township of Fulton county, where Daniel Schlotman died in May, 1864.

Noah S. Leist was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his mother and maternal grandparents to Fulton county. He acquired a common school education, and was married at the age of twenty-three and then lived for seven years in Piqua county, where he worked as a wage earner. Returning to Gorham Township, he bought eighty acres of partly improved land. He made that a high class farm, raised many successive crops from it, and improved it with a fine brick home. He continued to live there until November, 1916, when he sold the eighty acre farm, and then moved to a smaller place of eighty acres which he had bought in Gorham Township and had previously owned an improved forty acres in Franklin Township. On his forty acre farm in Gorham Township he resides in a comfortable modern bungalow, and though past seventy years of age is still farming, with some assistance. Mr. Leist is a democrat and a member of the Lutheran Evangelical Church.

September 12, 1867, in Fairfield county, he married Orpha Crites, who was born in Piqua county September 15, 1848, a daughter of John S. Crites. Mrs. Leist died June 23, 1910. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leist were the following children: Minnie, Mrs. Oren Borton, of Lenawee county; Lucy, Mrs. Charles Warkentin, of Gorham Township; Ollie, wife of Zale Borton, of Franklin Township; William of Wauseon, who married Eva Robinson; Mary, Mrs. Charles Caulkins, of Williams county; and Denver, who was born September 27, 1881, and died December 26, 1882.

John E. Segrist, a capable, reliable and respected farmer of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, is one of the representative agriculturists of that section of the county. And he comes into this historical record of Fulton county with special credentials, his family being among the early residents of the township in which he was born.

He was born in section 33 of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on February 14, 1859, the son of John B. and Christianna (Lautenschleger) Segrist. The Segrists are of German antecedents,

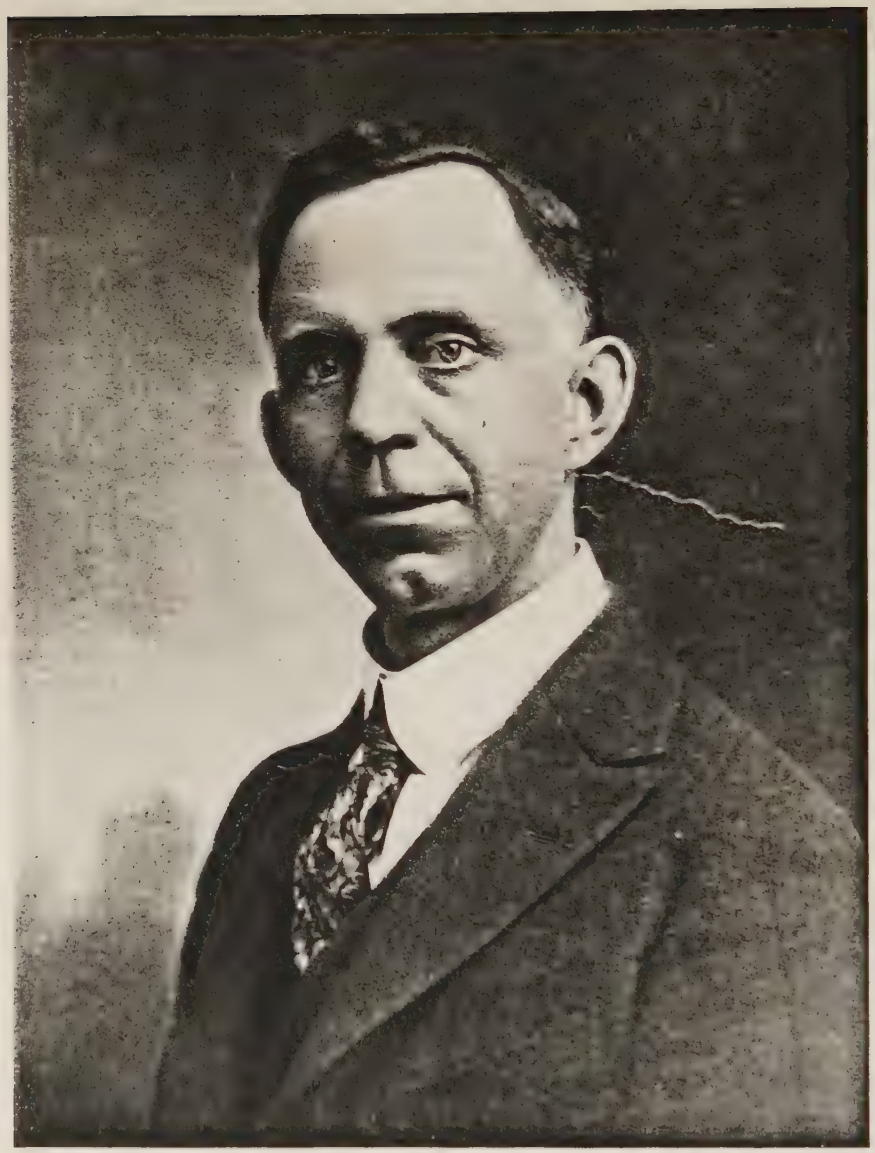
although four generations of the family have had residence in America, including the children of John E. His grandfather, John Segrist, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and there his father, John B., was also born, although the latter was only eight years old when the family crossed the sea to America. Misfortune overtook them almost at the outset of their settling in America, for within ten days of their landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the head of the family, John Segrist, succumbed to an attack of yellow fever, contracted during the voyage. However, as is so often found to be the case with women of German rearing, the widow appears to have been capable of undertaking the responsibilities of farm management and the record shows that the Segrist family settled on a farming property in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and there lived for about twenty years, the widow, Agnes (Lautenschleger) Segrist, then removing to Coshocton, Ohio, where she died in about 1880. John B. Segrist, son of John and Agnes (Lautenschleger) Segrist, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1823, and came with his parents to America in 1831. The death of his father soon after landing undoubtedly had important bearing upon the boy's prospects, and he appears to have spent much of his time as a youth with his uncle, who was a butcher in Philadelphia. It seems that he was indentured to his uncle, and consequently learned the butchering trade. When he was about eighteen years old, however, he left Philadelphia, and in company with another adventurous youth walked to Mansfield, Ohio, where both found work for a while, Segrist at his trade and his companion as a blacksmith. Mr. Segrist remained in Mansfield for three years, and for five years or more thereafter was in good employment as a butcher in Toledo, Ohio. Toward the latter part of his residence in Toledo he had acquired a tract of timber land in York Township, Fulton county, and ultimately he decided to give up his Toledo connection and take up pioneering work on his land. He may be considered to be among the pioneers of Fulton county, for he was in the county when much of it was a wilderness and he probably cleared much more forest than the average Fulton county farmer of his generation. On his eighty acre tract seventy-five acres consisted of virgin timber, only five acres having been cleared by the original settler, who had built a log cabin, which was the only structure on the place, and it was a very primitive hut. However, by the exercise of much ingenuity, and by the cheerful tolerance that comes with the pioneering spirit, the log cabin was made to serve passably as a habitation, and in it some of the children of John B. and Christianna (Lautenschleger) Segrist were born. John B. Segrist soon after taking up residence in York Township secured boards with which he floored the cabin, and bunks were made by boring holes into the logs of the walls, and then by some process of pegging constructed the bunk. And he had to take his team of horses into Maumee Village to procure a cook stove. Those were some of the early experiences of John B. Segrist and his wife in York Township, but he was a worthy pioneer, stalwart and capable, and in course of time he not only cleared that acreage but also much additional land. He purchased eighty acres adjoining, and subsequently another adjacent tract of like acreage, all of which he and his sons brought into good bearing. He was a man of strong personality, and had an enviable reputation in York Township, wherein he lived for almost seven decades, and eventually was one of the largest landowners in the section. Death

came to him in 1918, July 30, he being then in his ninety-fifth year. His wife, Christianna Lautenschleger, who was born in Pennsylvania, died in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1869, her husband surviving her for forty-nine years. They were the parents of nine children, who in order of birth were: Amanda, now deceased, married George Yaney; Mary, who married Jonas Seymour, and now lives in Turlock, California; William H., of York Township, whose life story is elsewhere recorded in this edition; George, who died at the age of forty years; John E., regarding whom more is written hereafter; Agnes, who married Samuel Ruppert, of Wauseon, Ohio, and died in 1907; Ellen, who married William Nye, of Liberty Centre, Ohio; Theodore, who has remained on the home farm; and Fred A., now of Swan Creek Township, Ohio.

John E. Segrist was educated in the country school of his native place, and while still at school gave much of his time to his father. And during the long summer vacations he devoted practically his whole time to such work. After leaving school he applied himself altogether to the hard work of the expanding acreage of his father's farm until he had reached the age of twenty-five years, when he married and set up an independent establishment. He rented a fifty-acre farm in York Township, and for seven years thereafter worked it under such conditions. He apparently prospered by his industry, for at the end of that time he was able to purchase the farm. Later, however, he traded the property for another of eighty acres, only partly cleared, owned by his father-in-law, and to that farm he took his wife, they occupying a log house thereon for two years, but eventually taking up their abode in an old schoolhouse which stood upon their property. In that building they lived for seven years, by which time Mr. Segrist was able to erect a modern house of nine rooms, and which he was able to fit with many modern improvements, including natural gas illumination from his own well. And upon the property he has also been able to build many substantial and spacious out-buildings. In 1907 he built a large double barn, and in 1914 a straw barn. In the former year he acquired an additional forty acres, practically all cleared land. So that he now owns a fine agricultural property, well balanced, and well adapted to general farming. Mr. Segrist has had much success in the breeding of Belgian horses, and has extensively raised Holstein cattle. He has a large dairy, and enters to appreciable extent into hog raising of good breeds.

Politically Mr. Segrist is a democrat, and while he has always taken an intelligent interest in politics, especially movements affecting his home district, he has never sought political office. He has lived a steady life of worth-while industry, and as a good Christian has consistently observed church responsibilities. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In March, 1884, he married Katherine, daughter of Adam and Belinda Katherine (Miller) Anspach. She was born in Perry county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Segrist are the parents of two children: Laura, who is married to Laurence Geringer, of York Township; and Clarence, who married Grace Williams in 1916, since which time he has been practically in full control of his father's farm, his father and mother having moved to a small portion of the original farm, leaving the management of the farm to the son, who has shown much reliability and earnestness of purpose.



W. L. Campbell.

William L. Campbell. There is Canadian blood in the veins of William L. Campbell of Pike Township, although December 18, 1871, he was born in Fulton county. His father, John W. Campbell, came from Canada to Fulton county. His mother, Caroline (Miser) Campbell, was born in Coshocton county. When they were married they settled on this Pike Township farm in Fulton county.

John W. Campbell was a cheesemaker, and followed that business for many years in Ohio and Michigan. When he quit he bought the farm in Pike Township and lived there a few years. He retired to Wauseon, where he died January 14, 1902, and his wife died there two years later. William L. Campbell, was the oldest child, and a brother, Howard, works with him, and a sister, Allie, is the wife of Ernest Shadle, of Dover.

When W. L. Campbell was eighteen years old he learned the cheesemaker's trade from his father, and worked in many different factories. He worked in Prattsville, Michigan, one year and later he made cheese for George D. Clark of Metamora one year, then he went to Winameg, where he made cheese for A. B. Thompson for five years. Then he formed a partnership with Frank Knoseo in a cheese factory at Winameg, and they continued six years in business together.

During that six years the firm located a cheese factory at Ai, and Mr. Campbell bought the Clinton cheese factory of H. J. Gelzer, and the East Gorham factory near Fayette. He started the Condensary Factory at Morenci, Michigan, and five years later he consolidated with the Fulton Dairy Company and the Ramer Dairy Company of Toledo, with the main offices at Morenci. From this center he operated twelve cheese factories, one milk condensary and one dairy distributing station in Toledo. He formed a stock company, of which he was secretary and general manager, with Frank Knoseo its president and H. A. Barber, treasurer.

In July, 1903, Mr. Campbell transferred his interests in the Ohio Dairy Company for a stock of general merchandise at Winameg. Five months later he sold the store in Winameg, and removed to Montpelier, where he conducted two cheese factories, one in Montpelier and one in Kunkle. Two years later he sold out and returned to Winameg, where he again went into a general store.

Beside being a manufacturer and business man, Mr. Campbell was a public school teacher for several years in the winter, teaching in both York and Pike, his education having been obtained in public school and at the Fayette Normal. He is independent in his political affiliation, and is a member of the Board of Education.

On December 27, 1893, Mr. Campbell married Dimma Stuller, daughter of John W. and Jennie (Lash) Stuller, of Eden, Williams county. They have one daughter, Donelda, wife of Harrison M. Ives of Toledo. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Campbell is a Mason in Lyons, and a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Montpelier, Ohio. Few men have given their attention to a greater variety of business enterprises than Mr. Campbell.

The efforts he has put forth at different times have in fact proved a powerful impulse to the development of the dairy industry in northwestern Ohio, and several communities can regard it as a piece of good fortune that Mr. Campbell learned the cheese maker's trade as a youth and for so many years operated factories for dairy product. His home community of Pike also knows and honors him

for what he has done in behalf of the local schools, his kindly and interested part in other local affairs, and his standing and character as a home maker.

FRANKLIN WOOLACE, a surviving veteran of the Civil war, has for half a century been a leading farm resident of Gorham Township.

He was born in Seneca Township, New York, January 3, 1840, son of William and Mary (Schlotman) Woolace. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and in 1842 moved to Fairfield county, Ohio, and in 1857 settled in Gorham Township of Fulton county.

Franklin Woolace came to Fulton county at the age of seventeen, and acquired most of his education in Fairfield county. In 1862 he enlisted in Company H of the One Hundredth Ohio Infantry, and was on duty until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge in June, 1865. Part of the time he was detailed for guard and hospital duty in Kentucky. After his return home Mr. Woolace married Mary Hoffman, who was born in Gorham Township, a daughter of Charles and Nancy (Spaulding) Hoffman, who came from New York.

The first year after his marriage Mr. Woolace lived at Wauseon and worked in the sash and blind factory. He then bought 100 acres in Gorham Township from his father, a place that was already well improved, and has remained there ever since, sharing in the growing prosperity of this agricultural section and in the fruits of his own toil and industry. He has served several terms as township trustee and assessor, is a democrat and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Fayette and the Royal Arch Chapter at Wauseon. He and his wife have two children: Verna D., wife of M. B. Badger, of Fayette; and Charles, who lives at Fayette and married Arville McCurty.

WILLIAM HENRY WOODRING, now living retired in Delta, has done his full share in the work of developing Fulton county from the wilderness.

He was born in Fulton Township September 11, 1852, a son of Reuben S. and Katie Ann (Watkins) Woodring, his father a native of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and his mother of Wayne county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents were Cain and Mary (Saeger) Woodring, of Pennsylvania. Reuben Woodring after his marriage lived in Fulton Township, where he died in 1908. His first wife died in April, 1872, mother of the following children: William Henry; Malinda Ann, wife of E. S. Deval, of Metamora; Mary Matilda, deceased wife of Wesley Delano; Sarah Jane, deceased, who married Jacob Harger; Emma, Mrs. Del Delano, of Jasper, Michigan; and Ida, Mrs. Frank Seabring, of Lenawee county. For his second wife Reuben Woodring married Hannah Fisher and had a daughter, Laura, now Mrs. Elwood Hallett of Lyons, Ohio.

William Henry Woodring acquired his education in the district schools and at the age of twenty began work as a carpenter. He continued to follow that trade until 1890. In the meantime, in 1884, he bought forty acres of heavy timber in section 21 of Amboy Township. Only five acres had been cleared, and during several successive winters he put in all his time increasing the area of his fields, while in the summer he worked as a carpenter. After 1890 he gave all his time to farming. Later he bought forty acres in

section 27, this, too, being a tract of stumps and brush. He developed it to cultivation, erected a house and barn, and then sold the place to one of his sons. He also bought forty acres adjoining his old home place, and has seen that cleared up and improved. Mr. Woodring in February, 1918, bought a comfortable home in Delta.

August 26, 1876, he married Delila Higley, a native of Huron county, Ohio, and a daughter of George and Sarah Ann (Van Sickles) Higley. Their children are: Leroy, of Fulton Township; Raymond, of Amboy Township; Estella, wife of George Parker, of Adrian, Michigan; Luella, Mrs. J. Hollinger, of Fulton Township; and Herman, who now occupies the old homestead farm.

Daniel Rychener. While Daniel Rychener, of Swan Creek Township, is a native of Fulton county, having been born December 21, 1848, in German Township, two years before Fulton was separated from Lucas county, he is of emigrant stock. He is a son of Christian and Magdalena (Grieser) Rychener, the father having come from Switzerland and the mother from Alsace-Lorraine.

It was in the year of 1836 that the Rychener family story began in Ohio, and the Grieser family followed within a short time. Mr. Rychener and his wife both grew up in German Township, although both had overseas childhood recollections. This young Swiss emigrant entered forty acres of government land and soon obtained employment on the construction of the Maumee Canal, thereby earning sufficient money to buy forty acres additional farm land—not farm land then, but heavily timbered, and in time he cleared and improved it. It was in 1898 that this pioneer Fulton county resident died on the farm he had made in the wilderness of Fulton county, and his wife also died in 1898.

The children born to this pioneer family were: Christian, of Swan Creek; Mary, widow of Jacob Nofsinger, of German Township; Joseph, of Pettisville; Daniel, subject of this sketch; Magdalena, wife of Jefferson Snuckers, of German Township; Barbara, wife of Joseph Nofsinger, of German Township; Henry of Pettysville; Anna, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Nofsinger; and Jacob, of Napoleon, Ohio.

In December, 1873, Daniel Rychener married Mary Eckley, of Henry county. Her home was four miles south of Pettysville. She was born there August 10, 1851, being a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Krieger) Eckley. The father was a native of Coshocton while the mother was from Holmes county, Ohio. Soon after his marriage Daniel Rychener bought a farm in German Township, but twenty years later he bought eighty acres of partly improved land in section 22 of Swan Creek Township, where he lives at present.

Mr. Rychener has rebuilt the house and barn and added many substantial improvements, and he was an active farmer and stockman until 1909, when he rented the place to his son, although he still maintains his residence there. Mr. Rychener obtained a common school education and is identified with the Mennonite Church of his native community.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rychener are: Nancy, wife of John Rashley, of York Township; Esther, wife of Hyram Houser, of Toledo; Louisa, wife of Jesse Richardson, of Pinckney, Michi-

gan; Aaron, of Swan Creek, who married Anna Shawley, and who has one daughter, Celia.

In this brief review are mentioned a number of names that properly belong in the History of Fulton County beginning with pioneer times. While the son of a pioneer, Daniel Rychener himself performed many of the labors and much of the service for which the first settlers are remembered with affection, and the ease and comfort he now enjoys in retirement are rewards that properly come to the man of toil and one who for so many years has done his duty to himself and by his fellow-men.

Clarence L. Rychener, who has recently entered the employ of the Continental Sugar Company of Toledo, Ohio, and now resides at Cherry City, Ohio, was formerly one of the leading merchants of Pettisville, Fulton county, and from 1915 until April, 1920, was postmaster at that place. He comes of one of the pioneer families of the neighborhood.

He was born in German Township November 14, 1886, in the old Rychener homestead, the son of Henry and Josephine (Raber) Rychener, and the family has had good part in the history-making of that section. Christian Rychener, grandfather of Clarence L., came from Berne, Switzerland, to America, and to Wayne county, Ohio, soon afterward joining a party of nine pioneer families in crossing from Wayne county through the wilderness to German Township, Fulton county, where they settled. Christian Rychener married there, the marriage being of historic interest in that it was the first wedding of white people solemnized in the township, the ceremony being performed by a Methodist clergyman. Henry Rychener, father of Clarence L., and son of Christian, was reared in German Township and married there, but some time later moved with his family to Holden, Johnstone county, Missouri, where they lived for eleven years, eventually returning to Ohio, and to Fulton county.

Clarence L. Rychener was an infant when his parents moved from German Township to Holden, Johnstone county, Missouri, and most of his schooling was obtained in the public schools of the latter place. When the family returned to Fulton county he attended the nearest school to their new home, which was the Braily School in Swan Creek Township. He was fifteen years old when he began to work for pay, his first experience being on a farm at Archbold during the summer of 1901. From that time until he was twenty-one years old he found employment on farms in the vicinity of his native place. In 1907 he entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company as section-man, continuing to be so employed for three years, after which time he spent one summer in independent business, endeavoring to establish a profitable milk route. That effort apparently was not productive of sufficiently good results to influence him to continue, and for the next year he was employed as a carpenter. He was a man of all-round ability, and possessed distinct capability in commercial affairs. This has been evident since 1912, when he entered a business of merchandising character. He and his brother William Henry in 1912 purchased the established general store business of Jacob Krauss & Company at Pettisville, and the business from March 15th of that year was conducted under the firm-name of Rychener Brothers with advantage to themselves. The brothers established

themselves very satisfactorily in that business, and secured a good share of the local trade, and also an extensive country connection. In 1915 Clarence L. Rychener was made postmaster at Pettisville, having been appointed by President Wilson, notwithstanding that he is a republican. He served in that office until April, 1920.

In 1913 Mr. Rychener married Emma Lantz, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Nofeiger) Lantz, of near Archbold, Fulton county. They have two children, sons, Lawrence Henry, who was born January 12, 1914, and Lowell John, born July 2, 1918.

THOMAS STEDMAN for over forty years has been one of the capable farmers of Amboy Township, and owns part of the old Blaine homestead, one of the first tracts of land entered in Fulton county.

Mr. Stedman was born in Amboy Township January 9, 1855, son of Alva and Thankful (Rogers) Stedman. His parents were born and married near Syracuse, New York, and on coming to Amboy Township entered a tract of timbered land and lived there the rest of their lives, making a good farm. Their children were: Roswell, of Tiffin, Ohio; Orlina, widow of Marvin Robinson, living at Lyons; Clark, Horace, William, and Amelia, all deceased; Lewis, of Fulton Township; and Thomas.

Thomas Stedman at the age of fifteen, after having acquired a common school education, hired out for monthly wages to neighboring farmers, and continued as a wage earner until his marriage. July 3, 1876, Emma Blaine became his wife. She was born in Amboy Township, daughter of Charles and Rachel (Bathalt) Blaine and member of the historic pioneer family of Blaines.

After his marriage Mr. Stedman worked the farm of his father-in-law on the shares, and afterward cleared up and improved fifty acres inherited by Mrs. Stedman, and has lived there ever since.

He and his wife have two children, Robert, still at home, and Friend, in California. Mr. Stedman served two years as school director and is a republican voter.

CHARLES FREEMONT DEWEY has handled and developed a great deal of farm property in Fulton county, also in adjoining counties, is a practical farmer by training and experience, and is now living practically retired at Metamora, though he still continues dealing in real estate.

He was born at Metamora October 20, 1856, a son of David and Emily (Elliott) Dewey, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Vermont. The maternal grandparents were Amos and Sally (George) Elliott, natives of Vermont and early settlers in Lorain county, Ohio. David Dewey was about eight years old when his parents died, and he was reared among strangers, accompanying one family, in whose home he was living, to Lorain county, Ohio, where he lived until his marriage. He then moved to the vicinity of Metamora, where for a number of years he conducted a wagon making shop. He and his wife were laid to rest in the same grave on May 7, 1908. Their children were: Henry, of Toledo; Charles F.; Julia, Mrs. Samuel Hall, of Adrian, Michigan; Alfred and Alma, twins, the former a resident of Pike Township and the latter wife of Charles Auble, of Morenci, Michigan; and Ernest, of Jackson, Michigan.

Charles F. Dewey acquired a common school education, and as a young man was employed chiefly in saw mills and heading mills.

On October 7, 1883, he married Mary Helen Potter, a native of Amboy Township and daughter of John Henry and Mary Lovina (Granger) Potter. Her parents were natives of Herkimer county, New York. Her father's brother, James Emory, and another brother, Caleb, married sisters at the same time. Mrs. Dewey's paternal grandparents were Mora S. and Minerva (Jones) Potter.

After his marriage Mr. Dewey lived in Metamora, continuing work in saw mills for three years. He then rented a farm in Michigan, soon afterward bought a farm in Amboy Township, but sold this after four years and bought another farm in Lucas county. On selling that he moved to Riga Township in Lenawee county, was there one year and the following year he spent at Blissfield, Michigan, after which he returned to his farm. On selling the farm he bought another place in Lucas county, Ohio, and remained there eight years. His next farm purchase was in Sylvania Township, where he remained three years before selling and then returned to Metamora and bought town property.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey have two children: Donnah Ann, Mrs. James Dailey, of Adrian, Michigan; and Lloyd Millard, of Metamora. Mr. Dewey is a republican and his wife is a member of the Ladies of the Maccabees.

William F. Miller is one of the men of Swan Creek Township who is devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits with very gratifying results. He was born at Sandusky, Ohio, October 11, 1878, a son of Aaron and Susanna (Knight) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania and England, respectively. They were married at Sandusky, Ohio, and in 1889 came to Delta Township, Fulton county, Ohio, he trading a farm he owned in Sandusky county for the one in Fulton county on which his son William F. now resides. He is now a resident of Delta, having retired from active life. His wife died about 1895, having borne her husband the following children: Burdetta, who is Mrs. Sherman Coss, of Toledo; Clyde, of Delta, Ohio; William F., whose name heads this review; Grace, who is Mrs. Casey Quist of Cleveland, Ohio; and Gertrude, who is Mrs. William Merrilett of Swan Creek Township. After the death of the mother of these children the father was married to Dora Stensel, but there are no children by this marriage. By a first marriage Aaron Miller had two children, namely: George, who is a farmer of Swan Creek Township; and Katie, who is the widow of William Gowell, of Clyde, Ohio.

Until he was eighteen years old William F. Miller remained at home, attending the district schools and learning to be a practical farmer, but then went to Clyde, Ohio, and later to Toledo, Ohio, and was variously employed. After he was married in 1904 he settled on the homestead and has since lived on this place, doing general farming and stockraising and keeping ten cows.

On November 15, 1902, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Iva Bixler, born in Swan Creek Township, a daughter of Baltzer and Sarah (Deck) Bixler. In politics Mr. Miller is a democrat, and he has never had any aspirations toward public office, so confines his participation in politics to exercising his right of suffrage. He belongs to Brailey Grange and to the Gleaners and is in sympathy with the work of these organizers. Having spent practically all of his life in Fulton county, Mr. Miller is essentially one of its products and deeply interested in its further progress.

Charles Sturtevant, of Swan Creek Township, is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a republican. His birth occurred August 15, 1851, in Huron county. His parents, Russell and Annette (Sturtevant) Sturtevant, were second cousins. He lived in Rochester and she lived in Adams county, and they were married in Jefferson county, New York. Soon after their marriage they located in Huron county, Ohio. Later they lived again in York state, and in 1863 they removed to Bellevue, Ohio, where he died in 1891 and his wife died in 1909. Their children are: Warren, deceased; Ellen, widow of John Shoup, of Clyde, Ohio; Charles, of Swan Creek; Melissa, wife of Frank Clay, of Clyde; Mary and Manford, deceased; Clara, wife of Fred Warner, of Toledo, Alice, deceased; and Spencer, of Akron.

Charles Sturtevant lived with his parents until his father went to the Civil war in 1863, and from that time he worked by the month, giving his money to his parents until December 25, 1873, when he married Jennie McFarland of Sandusky county. She was born August 14, 1857, and was the daughter of Aaron and Clarinda (King) McFarland. They had come from New York and located in Sandusky county. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant lived for a time in Sandusky county, but in 1886 they removed to Fulton county.

After coming to Fulton county Mr. Sturtevant rented farm land until 1913, when he bought forty acres of partly improved land in Swan Creek Township. He is engaged in general farming, dairying and raising livestock for the market. The children are: Clarence, born September 28, 1874, of Toledo; Claude, born September 11, 1876, of Toledo; Estella, born December 18, 1878; Clara, born November 16, 1881, wife of Arthur Gingery, of Swan Creek; Russel, born March 1, 1889, died March 31, 1890; and Charles Laurel, born March 1, 1899, who lives at the family homestead.

Samuel Kahle. In the death of Samuel Kahle on May 7, 1919, Fulton county lost one of its very capable farmers and business men. Mr. Kahle had done his share of the clearing and improving of land from a wilderness condition, and in later years was active in a prosperous lumber business at Metamora.

Mr. Kahle, whose wife and family still live in Fulton county, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1856, son of James and Mary (Gates) Kahle. His father was a native of the City of Straussburg, France, while his mother was born in Pennsylvania. James Kahle settled in Pennsylvania at the age of nineteen and lived in that state some years after his marriage. On coming to Fulton county, Ohio, he acquired several farms, and he and his wife spent their last years in Amboy Township. Their children were: Henry, deceased; William, of Bradford, Pennsylvania; Ann and George, deceased; Milton, of Fayette, Ohio; James, Rose and Daniel, all deceased; Miles, of Metamora; John and Daniel, deceased; and Samuel.

Samuel Kahle, the youngest of the children, grew up in Fulton county, and on January 1, 1880, married Mary Hackett. Mrs. Kahle was born in Amboy Township, daughter of Benjamin and Sebrina (Miller) Hackett. Her parents were natives of Herkimer county, New York, and were among the early settlers of Fulton county, where they bought a farm in Amboy Township about 1845. The children in the Hackett family were: Lewis, of Pittsford, Michigan; John, who died in 1919; Janette, Mrs. Daniel Miller,

of Metamora; Mary, Mrs. Kahle; Benjamin, deceased; Martha, widow of Marion Goodale, of Toledo;; and George, deceased.

After his marriage Samuel Kahle lived seven years on one of his father's farms, and then acquired 118 acres of the Kahle estate. Very little clearing had been done on this property and it had no buildings. During the next twenty years Mr. Kahle carried out a progressive scheme of improvement and management, brought most of the land under cultivation, and erected modern buildings, so that when he left the farm in 1910 it was a very valuable and productive property. He rented the place to his son and, moving to Metamora, built the fine modern home in which he died and where Mrs. Kahle now resides. In 1903 Mr. Kahle became associated with his brother and several others in establishing the Metamora Lumber Company, and upon him devolved the active management of the business. Mr. Kahle filled several offices in the Congregational Church, was township trustee, a democratic voter and was affiliated with the Masons and Knights of the Maccabees.

Mrs. Kahle has three children: Lanah, Mrs. Russell Sebring, of Amboy Township; Myrtle, Mrs. Emmet Miller, of Fulton Township; and Benjamin, now owner of the home farm.

Frank A. Griffin occupies one of the attractive country homes of Gorham Township, located on rural route No. 13 out of Fayette. He has been identified with the agricultural affairs of this section nearly all his active life, though as a young man he was a school teacher for a number of years.

Mr. Griffin was born in Gorham Township August 16, 1867, a son of Ezekiel T. and Mary (Wightman) Griffin. His father was a native of New York state, a son of William and Sarah Griffin. Mary Wightman was born at Nauvoo in Hancock county, Illinois, her parents, a Morman family, having moved from Allegheny county, New York, to Nauvoo while that was the center of the Mormon settlement in the west. Mary Wightman was left fatherless at the age of six years, and was then taken by her uncle, Erastus Wightman, to Fulton county, Ohio, where she grew up and where she married Ezekiel Griffin. They located on the old Griffin homestead which William Griffin had acquired from the man who had entered it direct from the government. Much of the land was covered with heavy timber when Ezekiel Griffin went there to live, and he made a good farm of it. His first wife died on the farm June 20, 1883, and in 1900 he removed to Fayette, where he died in May, 1915. His second wife was Louisa Martin, a native of Geauga county, Ohio. The children of Ezekiel Griffin were all by his first wife: Fred, who died at the age of six years; Frank A.; Jennie, Mrs. Elmer E. Martin, of Toledo; and Lena Fay, who died at the age of two years.

Frank A. Griffin acquired a good education as a youth, attending the district schools, the Fayette High School and the Normal School at Fayette. Beginning when he was seventeen years of age, he taught school and continued in that occupation until he had put in seven years. He married at the age of twenty-one, and the first year after his marriage lived at home, then rented and lived on the Mallory farm nearby five years, and from there moved to the Dubois farm in Gorham Township. He rented that several years and then returned to the Griffin homestead, where he remained until 1917. He now owns ninety acres of that home place and it

is farmed by a tenant. On account of ill health Mr. Griffin has had to give up the more strenuous tasks of farming since 1917, and in that year he moved to a small farm of forty acres in section 20, where he enjoys the comforts of a modern bungalow home. He has been active in local affairs, serving as township assessor two terms, township trustee four years, and for two terms was a member of the Board of County Commissioners. He is a republican, and has been through all the chairs of Fayette Lodge No. 431, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served as district deputy and representative to the Grand Lodge.

In March, 1887, he married Mary E. Martin, a native of Clinton Township and daughter of Elliott S. and Louisa (Russell) Martin. They have two children, Roscoe S. and Ruth A., the latter still at home. Roscoe lives in Gorham Township and married Hazel Graham.

Earl Elvin Slagle, of York Township, was born July 29, 1880, and he has always lived in the community. He is a democrat and has served three times on the election board. He is a son of Solomon and Mary. (Sharp) Slagle. The father was born in eastern Pennsylvania while the mother is a native of Tiffin, Ohio.

The grandparents, Charles and Hannah (Eck) Slagle, came to Fulton county in 1867 from Pennsylvania. Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagoner) Sharp lived in Seneca and later in Henry county. Mr. Slagle died in 1917 and the widow lives among her children. They are: Earl Elvin; Sadie, wife of Charles Tremain, of York Township; and Opal, who is the wife of Paul Wales, of Delta.

On December 23, 1900, Mr. Slagle married Minnie Detwiler, daughter of Oliver and Mary (Teff) Detwiler, of Swan Creek. For two years they lived on the Detwiler farm, then bought seventy-five acres—a badly run-down farm, and he improved it. He reclaimed the land by tiling and grubbing, fenced it and erected new buildings on it. Mr. Slagle has a modern house with running water, electric lights and furnace heat. He is a general farmer, specializing with a Holstein dairy.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Slagle are: Vern LeRoy, Thelma Pearl, Cecil Lionel and Kenneth Clare. The family attends Raker Union Church in the community.

While Mr. Slagle's parents and grandparents did their part in the pioneer epoch of Fulton county, his own active career belongs to the modern twentieth century. Nevertheless, he has done a real pioneer's part, and it is possible to claim for his efforts that they contributed to the large volume of production by which Fulton county has distinguished itself as an agricultural center during the last decade and particularly during the war time period. The Slagle farm shows the progressiveness of its owner, and his neighbors everywhere speak of him as a man of thoroughly progressive character.

Carver S. Griffin before he was seventeen years of age was enrolled as a soldier in the Union Army. While in the army only a little more than a year, he saw some of the hardest fighting in Sherman's great Atlanta campaigns and until the close of the war. The marks of his service he bears today, but in spite of the crippling effects of the war he put in more than forty years as an active railroad man and farmer.

Mr. Griffin is now enjoying a well earned retirement at Swanton. He is a native of Fulton county, born in Pike Township May 4, 1847, son of William C. and Clarissa M. (Gunn) Griffin. His people were among the earliest settlers of the county. Clarissa Gunn came here with her parents in 1832, about the time the first families were invading this wilderness and starting to make homes. Carver S. Griffin was the twelfth of the children of his parents. Only three are now living, the other two being Louisa M., Mrs. H. L. Miles, of Delta, and Augustus, of Delta.

Carver S. Griffin spent much of his boyhood among strangers and had no opportunities to attend school until he entered the army. He studied as opportunity offered and acquired a rather substantial education, greatly improved by his experience with men and affairs. From the age of six he lived with a Mr. Shaffer in Dover Township three years. After that he wandered about and saw much of the country until on February 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company I of an Ohio Regiment, his enlistment being credited to Fulton Township. After a brief period of training he joined Sherman's army at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in the fall of 1864 was continuously under fire during the hundred days advance upon Atlanta. When Atlanta fell he was with the troops that started in pursuit of General Hood toward Nashville, but was called back and took part in the march to the sea, ending with the capture of Savannah at Christmas time. He continued with Sherman's "bummers" through the Carolinas, through Columbia, South Carolina, and on to Raleigh, North Carolina, when General Johnston's army surrendered. He went on to Richmond and from there to Washington, where he had the honor of marching in the Grand Review.

Mr. Griffin was mustered out near Louisville, Kentucky, July 12, 1865, and was discharged at Cleveland July 22d. He then returned to Fulton county, rented a farm for two years, after which he became a brakeman on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. He worked up to the responsibilities of conductor and held that position eighteen years. Then after twenty-two years as a railroad man he left the service on account of rheumatism, induced by his army service. He then moved to a farm which he bought in Swan Creek Township, and worked in the fields for twenty years. Then having performed more than a normal share of the work and labors assigned to a man's lifetime, he sold his farm and bought the fine residence in which he now resides at Swanton.

July 4, 1866, he married Elizabeth E. Fashbaugh, a native of Fulton Township and daughter of John Q. and Wilhelmina (Fesler) Fashbaugh, who came from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Griffin died November 5, 1902, mother of three children: Cora May, Mrs. Willis Peabody, of Swan Creek Township; John W., of Garrettsville, Ohio; and Charles C., of Montrose, Colorado.

November 24, 1903, Mr. Griffin married Hattie Geer, a native of Swan Creek Township and daughter of David and Mary Ann (Spaulding) Geer. Her father was born in Chittenden county, Vermont, and her mother in Swan Creek Township. Her grandparents, Amos and Dilly (Thompson) Geer, and Africa and Harriet (Bray) Spaulding, were all Vermont people and were identified with the very early settlement of Swan Creek Township, where they acquired and developed a tract of timbered land. Mrs. Griffin's first husband was Lafayette Thompson.

Mr. Griffin is a republican voter, is affiliated with the Knights of

Pythias at Delta, and has held various offices in McQuillan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Delta.

HARRY C. FROGLEY, while a farm owner, has always been in some line of commercial pursuit and for the past several years has directed a successful clothing and furnishing goods store at Swanton.

Mr. Frogley was born at Norwalk, Ohio, August 6, 1864, son of Richard P. and Cynthia (Winnie) Frogley, the former a native of Oxford, England, and the latter of Troy, New York. Richard Frogley after coming to the United States was a locomotive engineer, was married in New York, and four years later moved to Norwalk, Ohio, where he continued his work as an engineer for twelve years and lived until his death in 1869. His widow survived him thirty years, until 1899. Their children were: George, of Elyria, Ohio; Ada, Mrs. J. E. Hall, of Elyria; Minnie, widow of J. M. Judson, of Elyria; Richard P., of Norwalk; Harry C.; and Winnie Bell, of Toledo.

Harry C. Frogley was reared and educated at Norwalk, and at the age of twenty years came to Swanton and clerked in the jewelry store of S. P. Hike. After a year he became a piano salesman and a year later went to work in the general store of William Geyser, where he remained eight years. After that for six months he was with the Glass Block Company of Norwalk, and again resumed his work as a piano salesman at Swanton for a year. Since then he has been in business for himself with a large and well equipped store, handling clothing, shoes, men's furnishing goods and other wares. Mr. Frogley also gives much time to the supervision of his several farms in Fulton county, where registered Holstein cattle, hogs and poultry are raised.

In 1889 he married Mary Jane Taylor, a native of Swanton Township, Lucas county, Ohio, daughter of Robert and Julia E. (Cable) Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Frogley's only child was May Bell, born May 13, 1890. She died May 10, 1915. She was the wife of Ross G. Graham, who served as a first lieutenant in the Engineers with the American Expeditionary Forces. While on duty in France he was stricken with spinal meningitis, and after twenty-two hours died October 11, 1918. He now fills a soldier's grave in France. Mr. Frogley is a republican voter and is affiliated with Lodge No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, at Swanton, and Toledo Commandery No. 7 of the Knights Templar.

JOHN S. HABLE. The Hable family of which John S. Hable is a member had lived in Williams county before locating in Fulton county. However, he was born at Dutch Ridge, Fulton Township, March 10, 1877, a son of Jacob and Katherine (Ottgen) Hable. When they were married they located on Dutch Ridge, where the father died in 1902, and the mother is now a resident of Bowling Green. John S. Hable has one brother, Orson.

Mr. Hable married Louella Batdorff, daughter of Quimby Batdorff. They have one son, Ronald R., born March 16, 1903. The father and son attended the same school—Dutch Ridge. He votes with the democratic party. The family are members of the Evangelical Church. When Mr. Hable married he worked for a while with his father and then they bought land together. He now owns sixty acres of excellent land.

When Mr. Hable acquired the farm it had a good brick house

on it, and he added some porches and many farm buildings. He has pride in his farm surroundings. Along with general farming he is engaged in the livestock business, and he operates a dairy. Dairy farming is very general in Fulton county.

Louie E. Cosgrove, M. D. Through three generations the name Cosgrove has been prominent in the history of medicine in northern Ohio. Dr. Louie E. Cosgrove has practiced a number of years at Swanton, where his father, also a physician, lived until his death.

Doctor Cosgrove has an interesting and rather notable record of military service. In June, 1912, he accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Department of the Ohio National Guard. In June, 1915, he was promoted to captain. He went with the Ohio contingent of the National Guard regiment to the Mexican border, where he was on duty from June, 1915, until February, 1917. He then resumed his private practice at Swanton, but in June, 1918, was commissioned a captain in the Medical Reserve Corps, and reported for active duty at Camp Sheridan at Montgomery, Alabama. Six weeks later he was ordered to Fort Oglethorp, Georgia, and joined Evacuation Hospital No. 49 and was soon transported for overseas service in northern France. His work there kept him until after the signing of the Armistice, when he reported to the United States Convalescent Hospital at Mentone in the Maritime Alps on the Mediterranean Sea. He was there for eight weeks during the winter of 1918-19, and was then ordered to Coblenz, Germany, with the Army of Occupation, rejoining his original organization, Evacuation Hospital No. 49, and acting as chief of its medical service. He remained there until July 5, 1919, when he was sent home and given an honorable discharge at Fort McHenry, Maryland.

Doctor Cosgrove was born at Swanton in August, 1879, son of Sylvanus F. and Alice J. (Cooper) Cosgrove. His paternal grandparents were Dr. T. T. and Betsie (Mooney) Cosgrove. T. T. Cosgrove was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, France, while his wife was born near Dublin, Ireland. Dr. T. T. Cosgrove was one of the early members of the medical fraternity at Toledo, Ohio, and practiced in that city many years.

Dr. Sylvanus F. Cosgrove was born in Lucas county, Ohio. His wife, Alice J. Cooper, was a daughter of Nathaniel S. and Irene (Parker) Cooper, Massachusetts people of English ancestry. The Cooper and Parker families were early settlers in Lucas county, near Sylvania. Sylvanus Cosgrove for several years conducted a bakery business at Tecumseh, Michigan. While there he took up the study of medicine, and after selling his business finished his professional education in Cincinnati. He practiced for one year at Sylvania and from there removed to Swanton, where he was one of the hard working physicians of Fulton county until his death him and was killed in an elevator accident at Toledo October 6, November 25, 1908, at the age of sixty-two. His widow survived 1919. Dr. Louie E. is the only surviving child. His sister Lillie May died at the age of four years and twin children died in infancy.

Louie E. Cosgrove grew up at Swanton, attended the grammar and high schools, the Fayette Normal University, where he pursued a special course, and in 1897 began the study of medicine at the Toledo Medical College. He was graduated in 1901 and subsequently took post-graduate studies in the Chicago Polyclinic in

1903 and in 1906. He practiced as a partner with his father until the latter's death, and since then except for his army service has been alone in practice.

Doctor Cosgrove is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, served two terms as coroner of Fulton county, was a member of the council three terms and mayor two terms, and has also been a member of the Board of Education. He is a republican and is prominent in the Masonic Order, being affiliated with Lodge No. 555 at Swanton, Royal Arch Chapter at Delta, Toledo Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, and Zenobia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Toledo.

In January, 1906, Doctor Cosgrove married Minnie M. Grove, a native of Fulton Township and daughter of Herman and Stella (Koder) Grove. They have one son, Louie, born October 13, 1906.

Charles W. Krauss. While Charles W. Krauss, of Swan Creek Township, is of German parentage, he is a native of Fulton county. He was born in April, 1853, and is a son of John George and Barbara (Baumgartner) Krauss, who came from Germany in 1853 to Delta. They lived for a time in German Township and later in Clinton.

On December 9, 1880, while the Krauss family lived in Clinton Township, Charles W. Krauss married Mary Baum, who is a native of Germany. She is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Shakely) Baum. In his early married life Mr. Krauss had a migratory experience, living one year in Clinton, three years in Dover, four years in Chesterfield and one year in Pike, returning then to Clinton, where he lived four years before buying an eighty acre farm in section 28 of Swan Creek Township, which is his home today.

When Mr. Krauss located in Swan Creek Township the farm was all in the brush and there was "an old shell of a house" on it, but he went to work with a determination born of the love of one's own "vine and fig tree," and he soon cleared and fenced the tract and made the substantial improvements that mark the site today. He immediately began tiling the land and planting fruit trees, and a fine orchard is the result.

In his younger days Mr. Krauss was a carpenter, and the improvements at his farmstead are his own handiwork. Today he devotes himself to general farming, and he keeps a small dairy. He is an advocate of the theory of land improvement through dairy farming, and through his management the small dairy is a good investment.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Krauss are: Carrie, wife of Henry Brookhoff, of Swan Creek Township; Sophia, wife of Edward Brookhoff, of Swan Creek; Pauline, wife of Leonard Marydoo, of Swan Creek; and Charles of Swan Creek. The children at home are: Gottleib and Martha. Those deceased are: George, Mary and David. Mr. Krauss is guardian for seven children who are relatives. The Krauss homestead is known as "White Oak Farm."

Besides being a native son Mr. Krauss has many other ties to bind him to Fulton county. In this county he has performed his life work, has seen his hopes come to a satisfactory measure of fruition, his own children grow up, and has become possessor of a farm that is also a home, and a cherished spot both for himself and for his children and many of his relatives.

William Austin Hogue, one of the progressive farmers of Swan Creek Township, has to his credit the development and improvement of his valuable farm in this region. He was born at Delta, Ohio, on March 15, 1872, a son of Austin and Martha (Mattingly) Hogue, of English descent. They had three children, namely: William Austin, who was the eldest; Hattie, who is Mrs. Oscar J. Wismen, of Delta, Ohio, where her husband is a dental surgeon; and Frank, who lives in Idaho. The mother secured a divorce from the father, and was later married to Samuel Casson, and now lives at Delta, Ohio.

William Austin Hogue lived with his mother until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he rented her farm in the vicinity of Delta and conducted it for a few years. He then worked for his step-father in a sawmill for about two years, and leaving him went to Chicago, Illinois, where he was engaged in teaming for a few months. He then returned to Delta, resuming work for his stepfather in the mill, but in the spring went to Toledo, Ohio, where he was a street car conductor during the subsequent summer. Once more Mr. Hogue returned home to resume work in the sawmill.

In May, 1899, he was married to Mattie Adams, a daughter of Herman Charles and Margaret Adams, of Swan Creek Township. The year following his marriage Mr. Hogue located on the 120-acre homestead of the Adams family, and after the death of his father-in-law in 1901 he bought the property of his mother-in-law, who survived her husband until in June, 1918, when she, too, passed away. Since becoming the owner of the property Mr. Hogue has rebulit the house and barns, making them thoroughly modern, and he has otherwise greatly improved the place. Mr. Hogue is carrying on general farming, stockraising and dairying, his herd being comprised of twenty head of cattle. He specializes on raising a mixed breed of hogs of good quality, and is making a success of his several undertakings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogue have one daughter, Helen Adams, who has been graduated from the Delta High School, and is a charming young lady. In politics Mr. Hogue is a republican. The Presbyterian Church of his neighborhood has him as an attendant, although he is not a member of any religious body. Always a hard worker, Mr. Hogue has won his own way in the world and deserves the confidence he inspires among his neighbors.

Henry O. Wales. Although he is now engaged in general farming and stockraising in Swan Creek Township, Henry O. Wales has had a somewhat varied career and is a gentleman of unusual talents. He was born in Wood county, Ohio, April 6, 1871, a son of Rev. Oscar L. and Mary E. (Williams) Wales, he born in New York state, on August 5, 1830, and she born in Sylvania, Lucas county, Ohio, on February 28, 1844. Rev. Oscar L. Wales was a minister of the Universalist faith, and preached at Lyon, Ohio, for fifteen years. On December 10, 1891, he came to Fulton county, where he bought a partly improved farm of 121½ acres, but continued to discharge the duties pertaining to his church while operating his farm. The death of this excellent man occurred on August 19, 1906, but his widow survived him until November 28, 1918. By a former marriage he had the following children: Charles, Lucy and Carrie, all of whom, with their mother, Mrs. Saphronia (Horton) Wales, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wales, parents of

Henry O. Wales, had the following children: Fannie, who died at the age of four years; Nellie, who died at the age of three years; and Henry O., who is the youngest and only survivor.

Henry O. Wales was carefully educated, and after he had completed the grammar and high school courses, studied commercial methods in the Ohio Business University, being graduated therefrom in bookkeeping and a general business course. For a number of years Mr. Wales taught penmanship during the evenings to pupils who could not obtain instruction at any other time, and for twenty-two years was a teacher of the piano and organ.

On May 25, 1892, Mr. Wales was united in marriage with Nellie Jane Meintzer, born at Fremont, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Hultzhaur) Meintzer, and for eight months thereafter resided with his parents. Mr. Wales then bought forty acres of land in section 22 of Swan Creek Township, where he lived until after the death of his mother, when he came to the homestead which he inherited from her. Here he is carrying on a general farming, stockraising and dairying business. Mr. and Mrs. Wales have the following children: Paul Emerson, who lives at Delta, Ohio, married Opal Slagle, and they have two children, Bonnie Iola and Clarence Burdette; Blossom Marguerite, who married Donald M. Anthony, has one son, Donald Wales; and Regina Elizabeth, who is at home. Mr. Wales is a republican and has served on the School Board since 1913 and has been assessor since 1915. He belongs to Brailey Camp No. 1165, Modern Woodmen of America. In the teachings of Christian Science Mr. Wales finds expression for his religious faith, and he is a firm believer in them, governing his life accordingly. A quiet, unassuming man, Mr. Wales does his full duty to his family and community, and commands the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

Leonard Meridew, of Swan Creek Township, came as a child of six years with his father from England. He was born there November 7, 1879, and in August, 1885, he arrived in New York City. The family came at once to York Township, Fulton county. Mr. Meridew is a son of Thomas and Martha (Glass) Meridew. His sister, Editha, became the wife of Carson Carstenton and lives in Frederick, Michigan. In 1883 their mother died, and their father married Caroline Young, of England. The children of this second marriage are: Alice, who is the wife of William Jackson, of Toledo; Kate, wife of Bert Snyder, of Delta; Ruby, wife of Fritz Emch, of Delta; Benjamin and Jesse, of the United States Navy; Fred of the United States Army; and Earl, of Delta. Mrs. Caroline Young Meridew also lives in Delta.

From the time he was eleven until he was twenty-four years old Leonard Meridew worked on farms by the month, and then for eight years he was employed in the Helveta Condensary. In 1913 he bought the eighty-acre farm in Swan Creek Township that is now his home. He has added many improvements and has about seventy acres of the land under cultivation, the remainder in timber and pasture. He is engaged in general farming, stockraising and dairying.

May 5, 1908, Mr. Meridew married Pauline Krauss, of Chesterfield. She is a daughter of William and Maria (Baum) Krauss, who are natives of Germany. Their children are: Dorothy, Grace and Ocie. The family belong to the Disciples Church in Delta.

Henry Shartzer was a factor in the life and affairs of Fulton county for over forty years. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, and when the war was over he returned to his chosen work as a farmer, and members of his family today enjoy the fruits of his labors on one of the highly improved and valuable farms of Swan Creek Township.

Mr. Shartzer was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in February, 1836, son of John and Sarah (Greenewalt) Shartzer. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and spent many years of their lives in Henry county, Ohio. Henry Shartzer grew up in Henry county, acquired a practical education in such schools as then existed, and on October 7, 1862, enlisted in the Union Army in Company B of the Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment for nine months and then received an honorable discharge. On September 3, 1864, he again enlisted in Company B of the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio Infantry, and continued in service until June 13, 1865, seeing the end of the great struggle that preserved the Union. For many years Mr. Shartzer affiliated with his old comrades as a member of the Grand Army Post at Colton, Ohio.

In the intervals of his army service Mr. Shartzer married in December, 1863, Miss Harriet Tharp. She was born in Perry county, Ohio, May 16, 1846, daughter of Nathan and Lucy Ann (Berry) Tharp. After his marriage Mr. Shartzer lived for a time at Napoleon and then moved to Fulton county and acquired thirty acres in Swan Creek Township. This land was covered with heavy timber, and his efforts partly cleared and improved the place. In 1881 he bought another tract of forty acres covered with timber in section 7 of Swan Creek Township, and this he also cleared and improved, ditched and gave it all the building equipment for successful operation. At one time in his career he also traded 100 acres he owned in Swan Creek Township for about 200 acres of Michigan land, but after one year there he found the land unsuited for agricultural operations, and practically abandoned it.

Mr. Shartzer, who died December 9, 1905, was known as a hard worker, provided well for his family, was a man of quiet and unassuming character, voted as a republican, and altogether acquitted himself well in the duties and obligations of life.

Mrs. Henry Shartzer still lives on the old homestead in Swan Creek Township. The manager of the farm is her son Arthur Roy, who was born September 22, 1880. He has operated the farm for about twenty years, and in addition to maintaining its improvements has bought twenty acres more. Arthur Roy married October 29, 1910, Miss Laura Mohler, who was born in Henry county, Ohio, May 10, 1893, daughter of William W. and Martha E. (Price) Mohler. The children of Arthur Shartzer and wife are: Clayton Leroy, born October 28, 1912; and Clifford Elwin, born December 9, 1918.

The only daughter of Mrs. Shartzer is Myrtle, who was born December 3, 1876. She is the wife of Caleb Bundy, and they have two children, Bertha, now Mrs. Clyde Benedict, and Ora, Mrs. Lester Meyers, both living in Hudson, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Bundy reside in Chicago.

Martin E. Ellsworth is one of the substantial citizens of Fayette, where he spent much of his younger life and after a busi-

ness record of about twenty years in Indiana returned to the old home farm of the Ellsworths, near Fayette, where he now enjoys a comfortable home and is living practically retired.

Mr. Ellsworth was born at Lysander in Onondaga county, New York, April 2, 1847, and was about four years old when his parents settled in the wilderness of Fulton county. He is a son of Lyman and Elizabeth (Emerick) Ellsworth. His mother was born in New York, a daughter of Elijah Emerick. Lyman Ellsworth was born in Vermont March 17, 1811, son of William Ellsworth, who was born March 30, 1765. After their marriage Lyman Ellsworth and wife lived in Onondaga county until 1851, when they sold their property and with some of their household possessions started for Buffalo, New York, traveling on a boat on the Erie Canal, thence by lake boat to Toledo, went on by railroad as far as Clayton and thus arrived in Gorham Township. Just east of Fayette they bought forty acres, largely covered with timber. Later ten acres more were added to this home place. Lyman Ellsworth while he improved his farm during his lifetime was a carpenter by trade, and was an old fashioned, careful mechanic, who did practically all his work with hand tools. He dressed the lumber, made the framing and practically all the molding, as was the custom of carpenters of that day, before mill work became so general. Many of the buildings which he constructed around Fayette are still standing. He died in March, 1876, survived by his widow until May, 1904. Martin was the youngest of their children. The oldest is Anna, a resident of Fayette, Cornelia, also of Fayette, and Hannah, deceased.

Martin E. Ellsworth attended the common schools of Fayette and was reared as a farmer and carpenter, both of which occupations he thoroughly learned. March 12, 1871, he married Ellen S. Parker, who was born in Gorham Township August 4, 1852, daughter of Jared and Almira (Brink) Parker. Her father was born in Rhode Island October 12, 1819. Almira Brink was born in what is now Fulton county, Ohio, August 21, 1829, one of the first white children born in the county. Her parents, John and Harriet (Kellogg) Brink, located in this part of the Ohio wilderness when there was scarcely another family between there and Lake Erie.

After his marriage Mr. Ellsworth lived in the town of Fayette, conducted his father's farm until 1880, and also worked at the trade of carpenter several years. For 1½ years he was in the general merchandise business at Fayette and from here removed to Butler, Indiana, where he conducted a general store six years. Then still keeping his home at Butler he became a general agent installing gasoline lighting plants, and was on the road much of the time covering his territory of fourteen counties in northern Indiana. He continued in that business sixteen years. After disposing of his interests in Indiana Mr. Ellsworth returned to Fayette, bought the old Ellsworth homestead, and resumed farming pursuits. In recent years he has sold forty-four acres of the old farm, now known as the Ellsworth Addition to Fayette, much of it divided into small home tracts. Around his own home he retains six acres, and that ground gives him ample employment in his leisure years. Mr. Ellsworth is a Methodist and has held all the lay offices in the church and Sunday School. Politically he is a republican voter.

Sherman Alfred Jones, who has to his credit a record of substantial business service at Fayette, where he is now living retired, is an honored survivor of the Civil war, having been one of the youngest men enlisted in the Union Army.

He was born in Portage county, Ohio, November 17, 1848, son of John and Margaret (Hoobler) Jones. His parents were born and married in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and some years later settled in Portage county on a farm, and from there in 1856 moved to Chesterfield Township, Fulton county. John Jones acquired forty acres in the dense timber, and applied himself industriously to the clearing and improving, and lived there as a farmer until his death in 1876. He was twice married, and by his first wife had a son, Joseph, now deceased, and also an adopted son, Boyd, who is also deceased. His wife, Margaret Hoobler died in 1872, and was mother of the following children: David, Hulda, Harriet, Timothy, Henry, Amanda, Sherman, Estella and Effie, twins. The only two now living are Sherman and Effie who is the wife of Ed Van Vleet of Detroit.

Sherman A. Jones acquired his early education in the Chesterfield Township district schools. He was not yet thirteen years of age when the Civil war broke out, and was a little past fifteen when on February 8, 1864, he enlisted in Company K of the Sixty-seventh Ohio Infantry. This regiment served in Virginia under General Grant in the Army of the James. Mr. Jones took part in the battle of May 10, 1864, and in much other fighting around Richmond and Petersburg, being under constant fire for many days. After the surrender of Lee he was detailed sole guard of government property at Helltown, Virginia, remaining there six months, and was royally treated by the inhabitants. He was mustered out at City Point, Virginia, December 8, 1865, and was given his final discharge at Columbus December 18, 1865.

After his return from the army Mr. Jones worked out by day and month for two years at the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway station. After his marriage he also worked for the railroad a year and then was employed by a butcher at Delta. He had learned the butcher trade after leaving the army. For four years he was engaged in buying and selling hay and grain for the Raymond P. Lipe Company of Toledo, and was commissioned by them to build an elevator at Fayette. After the construction of the elevator he remained as the responsible manager in charge, and continued the business for twenty years. Since 1918 Mr. Jones has been practically retired, and his chief work is done in his home garden. He is a thoroughbred American citizen, and loyally devoted to the upbuilding of the best American traditions. For many years he has been affiliated with Stout Post No. 108 of the Grand Army of the Republic, serving as its adjutant many years and two terms as commander.

December 3, 1872, Mr. Jones married Miss Nettie Kinney, who was born in Pike Township September 17, 1852, daughter of John and Harriet (Gunn) Kinney, her father a native of New York state and her mother of Pike Township, where the Gunns were pioneer settlers. Mr. Jones had two children: Pearl, wife of John Carpenter, of Albion, Michigan; and Parley, who was born November 13, 1884, and died November 28, 1911, survived by his wife.

Jacob Henry Stoner has been faithful to his responsibilities and opportunities during his active career in Fulton county, by many years of toil acquired a large farm and comfortable prosperity, and in later years has lived retired in Fayette, where he has been interested in a local bank and the administration of public affairs.

He was born in Gorham Township May 31, 1857, son of George and Lucinda (Rhodes) Stoner. His father was born in Richland county, Ohio, and his mother in Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Jacob Stoner, was a Pennsylvanian. George Stoner and wife were married in Richland county and in the spring of 1852 arrived in Fulton county and bought a tract of timber land in Gorham Township. After improving this they sold it and bought another farm in the northwest corner of Gorham Township. They removed from the farm to Fayette about 1884 and George Stoner died there February 25, 1891, survived by his widow until April 1, 1914. They have the following children: David, who died in 1885; William, deceased; George, a resident of Los Angeles; Anna Mary, twin sister of George, wife of Samuel Shane, of Fayette; Jacob Henry; Lucinda, Mrs. Isaiah Sayers, of Fayette; Daniel, of Toledo; and James, who died in 1890.

Jacob Henry Stoner acquired his early education in the district schools and the select schools, and at the age of eighteen began earning his own living by working as a farm hand. He continued in that way for about five years, and later secured his first land by the purchase of eighty acres in section 13, Gorham Township. He built a house there, and in that modest residence on December 14, 1889, he and Elizabeth McCloe were married. Mrs. Stoner was born in Gorham Township, a daughter of William and Berrilla (Lyon) McCloe, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Knox county, Ohio. Her parents were married in Morrow county and in 1852 settled in Gorham Township. Her father died in 1873 and her mother in 1898.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stoner continued to live on the farm, improved it with modern buildings, and exercised the thrift and industry that brought them ample prosperity for all their needs. In 1908 they rented the farm, which in the meantime had been increased to 140 acres, and has since enjoyed the comforts of a fine modern residence at Fayette. Mr. Stoner is one of the organizers and is still a director of the Farmers State Bank of Fayette. He has been a member of the official board of the Methodist Church since 1909. He served three terms as township trustee of Gorham, and one term as mayor of Fayette. He is a democrat in politics, and has filled the various chairs in Fayette Lodge No. 689, Knights of Pythias.

Jonathan William Binns was a youthful soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war, and the greater part of his active life since then has been spent in Fulton county, where he was engaged in farming until he retired and moved to Fayette.

He was born at Leroy in Medina county, Ohio, July 28, 1845, a son of Samuel and Ellen (Taylor) Binns. His parents were born in England in 1816, were married there, and in 1838 came to America, first locating at Harlem, New York, where Samuel Binns, a tailor, followed his trade. In 1840 he moved to Leroy, Medina county, Ohio, and after working at his trade several years was ordained as a Universalist minister about 1848. In 1854 he took charge of a church at Amity in Knox county, went to New Way,

Licking county, in 1857, and from 1860 to 1867 was in Richland county. In the latter year he moved to Fayette, where he died at the age of sixty-seven, his widow surviving him to the age of ninety. Their children were: Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; Eliza, who died in 1872 as the wife of James Murphy; Jonathan William; Sarah, who was born in 1847 and is Mrs. Otis Ford, at Fayette; Eli T., who lives at Bryan, Ohio, at the age of seventy; Ellen S., who died in 1855, at the age of three years; and Ella Viola, who died in 1906 as the wife of James Vail.

Jonathan William Binns lived with his parents in the several locations above noted, and at the age of seventeen, on July 28, 1863, was enrolled as a soldier in the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Infantry, in Company D. With this regiment he was in the Army of the James, Third Division, Eighteenth Army Corps, and saw some of the hard fighting around Petersburg and Richmond while the defense of the Confederate capital were slowly crumbling before repeated Federal assaults. After his honorable discharge from the army Mr. Binns returned to Richland county, Ohio, and worked on a farm and also attended Belleville College. From there he came to Fayette, and soon afterward met the young lady who consented to be his wife. They were married at Detroit, Michigan, March 22, 1869. Her name was Lois Ford. She was a daughter of one of the oldest families of Fulton county, and was born in Gorham Township. Her parents were Hosea and Jemima (Bates) Ford, natives of Cummington, Massachusetts, who settled in Fulton county about 1836. Her father acquired a large tract of timbered land and was one of the most useful citizens of the county until his death in October, 1867, and her mother died in 1894. The Ford children were: Ansel B., who died in September, 1919; Austin K., who died in 1914; Vesta J., who was Mrs. William Barager and died in 1880; Laura, living at Fayette, widow of Nathaniel Dewey; Mrs. Binns; Deborah T., who married Spencer Westfall and died in 1882; Horace W., a resident of Fayette; Horatio M., who died in 1895; and Lewis H., of Fayette.

After his marriage Mr. Binns lived in Detroit working as a journeyman cigar maker until 1880. He then bought a farm in Defiance county, Ohio, lived on it several years, selling out in 1883 and buying sixty acres of land in Gorham Township. He was actively identified with farming there more than twenty years, and in 1906 rented his farm and moved to Fayette, where he bought the comfortable residence in which he now lives. He sold his farm in the spring of 1919.

Mr. Binns is a republican, has held all the offices in Stout Post No. 108, Grand Army of the Republic, and has filled the various chairs in Fayette Lodge of Masons No. 387. Mrs. Binns, who was educated in district schools and in the Seminary at Medina, Michigan, and taught school for two terms, has been active in the Eastern Star since the local chapter was organized by Mr. Binns. She has filled the various chairs in that organization and since 1906 has continuously served as president of the local Women's Relief Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Binns have three children: Carrie B., Mrs. Walter Hill, of Morenci, Michigan; William C., who lives at Toledo and married Lena de Groff; and Harry S., also of Toledo, married Alta Wintzler and has three children, Gertrude, Lorene and Lucile.

ARTHUR ALLEN is a retired business man of Fayette, has lived there continuously for over a half century and is a brother of Mr. Charles L. Allen, also of Fayette, whose individual record will also be found in this publication.

Arthur Allen was born in Monroe county, New York, February 8, 1842, and was the youngest of the large family of Isaac and Mary (Terry) Allen. He was well educated, attending district schools, the Brockport Collegiate Institute and by a commercial course at Poughkeepsie. At the age of twenty Mr. Allen left home and went out to Bloomington, Illinois, where he became an employe of the United States Express Company, and part of the time was also located at Springfield and Peoria. About 1865 Mr. Allen engaged in the merchandise business at Fayette, Ohio, but soon returned to Illinois, and since 1867 has made Fayette his permanent home. He was in the grist and sawmill business here for thirty-one years, finally selling out his interests, and has since lived retired in a beautiful modern house at Fayette.

Mr. Allen also served as mayor of Fayette several terms, has held the offices of township clerk, justice of the peace, member of the School Board, and has always acted with that group of citizens working for the best interests of the community. He is a democrat in politics.

In June, 1869, he married Frances H. DuBois, who was born at Orange in Ashland county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Amelia (Hoadley) DuBois, the former a native of New York and the latter of Connecticut. Her parents settled in Gorham Township of Fulton county in 1847, living on a farm there. Mrs. Allen's mother died in 1904, having been born in 1803, and her father died in 1908, having been born in 1814. Both parents therefore lived to extreme age. Mr. Allen has four sons, all of whom have made places for themselves in modern industry. George, the oldest, is a mechanical engineer at Cleveland and is district manager for the Heffenstall Forge Company of Pittsburg. Harry L., also a mechanical engineer, is with the Bruce-McBeth Engine Works at Cleveland. Edwin, a graduate civil engineer, is now district manager at Chicago for the Lakewood Engineering Company of Cleveland. Terry Joe is purchasing agent for the Firestone Steel Products Company of Akron, Ohio.

HENRY BECHSTEIN. While Henry Bechstein was born in Swan Creek Township in January, 1862, his parents were immigrants from Germany. He is a son of Jacob and Anna (Goodlock) Bechstein. The father was born in 1833 in Germany, but when he was about twenty years old he immigrated to America. When he first came to the United States he worked in a clay pit in Pennsylvania. Later he worked eight years in Erie county, Ohio, where he married and in 1858 he bought a farm and removed to Swan Creek Township.

In 1888 Henry Bechstein married Ella Biddle, a daughter of Henry and Hannah Biddle. There is one daughter, Florence, the wife of H. T. Krauss, of Swan Creek. Another daughter, Bertha, died in childhood. The wife died in 1897, and Mr. Bechstein married again in 1899. The second wife was Emma Wilhelm, a daughter of David Wilhelm of Seneca county, Ohio. From this marriage there is one daughter, Carmen.

For two years Mr. Bechstein lived on rented land, then he bought

thirty acres in the brush and cleared it all but two acres, and from time to time he has added to the farm until he now has 100 acres, thirty-four acres still in timber. Mr. Bechstein has good farm buildings, making all the improvements himself. For a number of years he worked as a carpenter, and for eight years he did mason and cement work. In politics he is a democrat. He has served the community as road supervisor, and the family is identified with the Christian Union Church.

The outstanding facts in the career of Mr. Bechstein are the industry and perseverance that enabled him to perform the heavy work of clearing up new land in Fulton county, making a fine farm, and, nevertheless, finding time to serve his community in behalf of its good roads and other matters connected with the general welfare.

Elmer C. Turpening, of Swan Creek, secured his education in the district school, and for a number of years he has served the community as a member of the Board of Education. He is a republican in politics, and is a member of the United Brethren Church. He has served the church in the capacity of class leader, and the Sunday School as its superintendent.

While Mr. Turpening is a native of Fulton county, having been born April 14, 1863, in York Township, his father, Ephraim Turpening, was born in New York and his mother, Mary Ann (Croyle) Turpening, was born in Pennsylvania. Since 1854 they have lived in Fulton county. Mrs. Turpening's family ancestors had come in 1845, her grandfather, Samuel Croyle, having come into Swan Creek when there was nothing but a wilderness, and he had his part in reclaiming it.

Ephraim Turpening settled in Swan Creek Township soon after his marriage, and for five years he lived there. He sold his land and bought a farm in York Township, but he soon sold it and bought again in Swan Creek Township. He died there in 1871, while his wife lived at the old home until her death in 1897. E. C. Turpening, who relates the family story, is second from the youngest of their children, the others being: John, of Swan Creek; Alfred, of Toledo; Jane, of Delta; Rebecca, wife of Amos Keith, of Delta; Elmer C. and Alfred. Charles, the oldest child, died early, and Cicero died in the Civil war.

On March 4, 1883, Elmer C. Turpening married Mary Delilah Warren, a daughter of Lyman and Sarah (Wilson) Warren, of York Township. Their children are: Charles N.; Loretta, wife of Henry Metzger; Beulah, wife of Watson Lewis, of Swan Creek; Florence, wife of Opher McKinley, of Cleveland; Maud, wife of Fred Enteman, of Toledo; Jay, Ruth and Cecil.

His well ordered farm, his substantial home, his attractive family, and the calls that have been made upon him for leadership and service in the community sufficiently establish the place of Elmer C. Turpening among the prominent citizens of Fulton county. He has lived here nearly sixty years, in his mature life has carried forward the work begun by the pioneers and probably has many years of usefulness still ahead of him.

John W. Erehart, of Swan Creek, has for many years served as chaplain of Hendricks Grand Army Post of Colton. He enlisted in the Union Army December 17, 1863, in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, his home then being in De

Kalb county, Indiana. He was in many of the hard fought battles of the Civil war and marched with General Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. He was mustered out of the service June 1, 1865, and the regiment disbanded the twentieth of the same month. Mr. Erehart votes with the republican party.

While Mr. Erehart's army record shows him as a soldier from Indiana, he was born December 6, 1844, in Stark county, Ohio. He is a son of Adam and Maria (Kiner) Erehart. The father came from Germany, but the mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Adam Erehart's parents died when he was fourteen years old, and he came to join some brothers who were already in the United States. He worked at the shoemaker's trade and was married in Pennsylvania. Soon after his marriage he came to Stark county, and in 1848 he removed to DeKalb county, Indiana, where he bought a farm of forty acres. He died there in 1887, and his wife died seven years later.

In the Erehart family there was a daughter, Catherine, who died in infancy; John W. was the second child; Daniel, of Steele City, Nebraska; Mary Jane, deceased, was the wife of Lon Henning; Eleanor, wife of Henry St. Clair, of Auburn, Indiana; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of William Pepple, and Adam died at the age of five years.

On October 11, 1868, Mr. Erehart married Elvira Mathews, of DeKalb county, Indiana. She is a daughter of Nathan and Maria (Richmond) Mathews. The father was a native of Vermont while the mother was born in the state of New York. Her paternal grandparents, John and Chloe (Hatch) Mathews, were early settlers in Portage county, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Erehart lived in Newaygo county, Michigan, where he followed farming, and in winter he worked in the lumber camps for six years. When he sold the Michigan farm he removed to DeKalb county, Indiana, remaining there three years, when he located in Henry county, Ohio. After living eight years in Henry county Mr. Erehart sold out again and located in Swan Creek Township. He bought a twenty-four acre tract of improved land and selling it he bought forty acres where he lives today. He remained as an active farmer until 1917, when a son assumed charge and he lives there in retirement.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Erehart are: Ralph, of Huntington, Indiana; Nellie, wife of William Wagoner, of Toledo; Edward, at home; and Gladys, wife of Joseph McCullough, of Toledo.

Mrs. Julia Carter Aldrich. (Joseph D. Aldrich.) In the history of the Aldrich family of Fulton county is the same old story of three brothers who came from England many years ago. In writing of Mrs. Julia Carter Aldrich, who is one of the most widely known women in the county, a relative says: "It often seems unfortunate that we cannot see how important is our task. To the youth of Fulton county the cultivated fields, the traffic on the network of roads, the great web of telegraph and telephone wires, the steel rails and so many minor things which are so commonplace that in hasty retrospection I do not think of them, are necessities.

"Seldom do they think of a civilization without them, and when they do, because such life seems quite impossible, they conceive of it as a very hazy past, and yet the generation that built these roads

and wrested the fields from a trackless wilderness has but recently completed its task, and there are still many of these runners before of our civilization, their part in the herculean task complete, sitting quietly silent—not knowing that a recital of their labors would hold us in a thrilled attention as absolute as the telling of an Iliad. Among those early comers was Mrs. Aldrich, who was with her brother, Jabez William Carter, when he was one of the owners of that first Fulton county paper which changed hands so often in its brief existence."

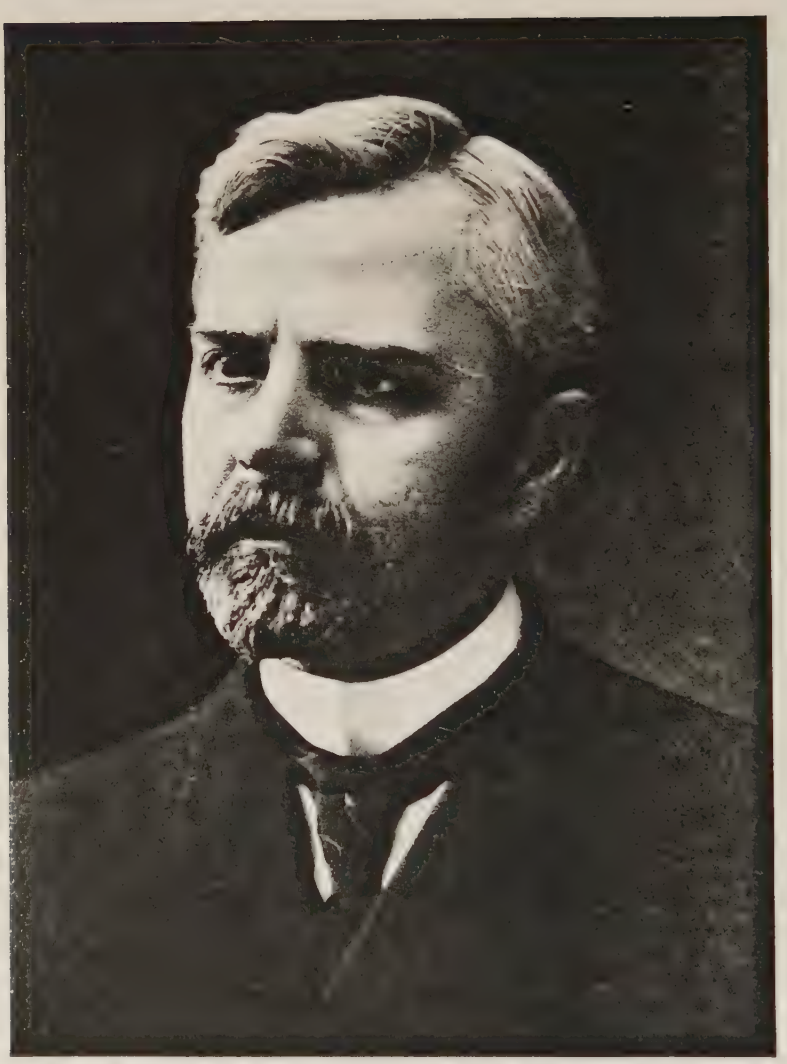
Mrs. Aldrich says: "In July, 1853, J. W. Carter, of Medina county, Ohio, came to Ottokee and bought the printery but recently established there, and commenced the publication of the Fulton County Union, a business he very much enjoyed, having been connected with a printing office since his boyhood. He was then twenty-six years old. He wrote his mother, a widow, his father having died in 1852, to shut up the house and come with the family, Charles, Julia, Julius and Margaret, to Ottokee for the winter. We arrived early in November and were taken to the Henry Taylor Hotel until our goods arrived (no trains then from Toledo came farther than Whitehouse.). Our coming happened at the same time as Mr. Aldrich's arrival from New York. Mrs. Taylor was a very genial, motherly sort of a landlady—made her guest room like a family gathering place.

"The schoolmaster and editor readily formed acquaintance which soon ripened into friendship, thus bringing Mr. Aldrich to the county seat to spend the week-ends at that home-like hotel. The courthouse, with its genial, intellectual officials, and the editorial sanctum had an attraction for him," and thus began another acquaintance—Joseph D. Aldrich with Julia Carter.

In the spring of 1854 Joseph Aldrich was engaged to teach in Spring Hill and Julia Carter in Ottokee. Her brothers, Charles and Julius Carter, assisted J. W. Carter in the printing office. John Youngs, still pleasantly remembered by many in Wauseon, was efficient help on the Fulton County Union. He came from Medina with J. W. Carter when he was seventeen. His daughter, Nora Youngs, became the wife of Willis, son of Edwin Patterson, of Dover. "We all liked Ottokee, and as we all had employment none cared to go back to Medina." The mother went back and sold the place, and returning to Ottokee she bought a home there.

On October 3, 1854, Joseph D. Aldrich married Julia E. Carter, and they went into a cozy little home of their own in Ottokee. In 1858 they sold the Ottokee property and bought the Quaker Wright Farm on the north line of Clinton Township. The Aldrich family still own and love the place where three sons: Amos Eugene, Fred Hampson and Benjamin F. Aldrich, were born, and their father, Joseph D. Aldrich, died in 1889, aged sixty-two years.

The Fulton county Aldrich family is descended from Abel Aldrich, one of the three brothers who came from England. He married a Miss Tilson and they lived in Providence, Rhode Island. They had the following children: Tilson, Orrin, Abel, Amos, James, Dorcas, Prudence and Hannah. The son Amos is the one to whom the Fulton county family owes its existence, and again it is Amos who perpetuates the name in Fulton county. His son Joseph linked his fortune with Julia Carter, the woman who January 28, 1920, passed her eighty-sixth earthly milestone. On that day her only son, Fred Hampson Aldrich of Detroit, visited her.



P. A. Aldrich

The files of the Fulton County Union have long ago disappeared, and it is doubtful if a single issue is still in existence. For a time in the history of Fulton county it was the only voice from the outside world other than the stage driver and the transient guest. The Fulton County Union was the voice of the community expressing its ambitions, its hopes and disappointments. In every frontier press room there is the nucleus for innumerable romantic tales. Fulton county was then a frontier, and within the memory of Mrs. Aldrich its farms were small clearings in the primeval forests. The deer would often come out of the woods and destroy the corn unless speedily driven from the fields; there were few beaten roads and unless one went a-foot he must depend upon his horse; the furniture was made, as was the cabin itself, by the owner, and in all this primitive life Mrs. Aldrich had an active part.

Mrs. Aldrich was one of the first contributors to the press in Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich were among the first school teachers; they were always interested in working for better schools, better farming and better social conditions. While Mrs. Aldrich has been an occasional contributor to various publications, she also has a volume of verse from her earlier writings, entitled "Hazel Bloom." She was the Ohio vice president of the Western Writers' Association, and one of the editors of the National Grange, a paper connecting her with readers all over the United States.

Mrs. Aldrich has survived her husband by so many years that she is the one best known in the community of today. Her son Amos Eugene married Mary Siebold, who is of German parentage, her ancestry leaving the Fatherland in the exodus of the '40s as a protest against despotism. He died in Wauseon, leaving his wife and the following children: Ione, Julia Margaret (Madge), John Paul, Joseph Eugene and Donald. The second son, Hon. Fred H. Aldrich, has lived in Michigan since beginning the practice of law, being circuit judge for many years. He married Corine Isbell, daughter of Henry and Jane Lemmon Isbell. Mr. Isbell was born in Connecticut, and was descended from Robert, one of the early settlers in Salem. The Lemmons originally lived near Baltimore. The Aldrich children are: Fred, Compton, May and Corine. Rev. Benjamin Frank Aldrich, D. D., Ph. D., married Bertha Yerkes after he left Fulton county. At the time of his death he was pastor of old First Congregational Church in Chicago. He had made of this church an unusual center of influence. His wife survives him, and their children are Benjamin, Margaret, Baldwin and Julian. Five grandsons of Mrs. Aldrich, above enumerated, were in the World war, and all returned in safety.

In a poem entitled "Freedom," Mrs. Aldrich answers the question why she was never a church member, and there is no creed or dogma in her conception of Christianity. While she gave one son to mechanical pursuits, one to law and one to the ministry, she has found all church work molds itself to her idea of life. She holds her own judgment unbiased and recognizes good in all things. All over Fulton county Mrs. Aldrich is regarded as an oracle—a bulwark in the community.

Rev. Benjamin F. Aldrich. As noted elsewhere in the sketch of the Aldrich family of Fulton county, Rev. Benjamin F Aldrich at the time of his death was pastor of the First Congregational Church of Chicago. In an official publication of that church devoted to the history of the church and its successive pastorates, his suc-

cessor in the ministry published a tribute to the character of Dr. Aldrich and particularly his influence and work in the ministry in Chicago, a brief sketch that may appropriately be entered as a part of the records in this history of Fulton county.

The late Benjamin F. Aldrich, D. D., was born at Wauseon, Ohio, January 29, 1863, and passed to his eternal rest on Sunday evening, November 5, 1916.

If Dr. Moses Smith (one of the earlier ministers of the First Congregational Church of Chicago) had many of the qualities of St. Peter, and if Doctor Noble (also a predecessor of Doctor Aldrich) reminded one of the apostle Paul, Doctor Aldrich's character and disposition were finely suggestive of the beloved disciple, John, or rather, perhaps, some would say both of John and of his Divine Master. The foundations of his sturdy and gentle character were laid amid the hardships and simplicities of the old farm life of Ohio, where his mother prayerfully moulded him towards the holy ministry. Though he studied law and was admitted to the bar, the essential quality of his life was that of a pastor and he gladly resigned the emoluments of the lucrative profession of law in order that the whole tendency of his life might be heavenward and that making the complete oblation he might render a whole-hearted, undivided service to men in the Spirit of Christ.

Having diligently served in other churches at Ironton, Sault Ste. Marie, Lansing, Pontiac, Ypsilanti, Aurora and Wellington avenue, he brought the fruit of his large natural endowment, varied experience and whole-hearted consecration to the service of "New First" in the heart of the great west side. He had a genius for friendship, and the time had come when consecrated and unselfish friendship was a gift most needed in this parish. In some ways he stood in strong contrast to the two men of whom we have been speaking . While Doctor Smith's preaching had a dogmatic and prophetic flavor, and Doctor Noble's preaching was highly intellectual and strongly individualistic, the heart of Doctor Aldrich ached for this needy wayward and suffering community. So in its utter simplicity and great practical helpfulness his preaching was a veritable breaking of the Bread of Life to hungry hearers.

He had a large and sure vision of the place this church should occupy in the midst of a great unchurched community, and with an ardor greater than his strength he threw himself into the splendid task of adjusting this historic and influential congregation to the needs of a modern and sinful city. Like Timothy he "naturally cared" for men's state. He well knew the needs of the hungry soul and the perils and pitfalls of the great city. So in regard to the summer services on the lawn, and in the development of the Union Theological College, which was born in the vestry of this church in the brain of Professor Jernberg and in the heart of Doctor Aldrich also in regard to the potentialities of Carpenter Chapel and Hooker Hall, in the development of our Sunday School work and summer camps, in the whole social life of the church and especially in the intense and practical pastoral work, he caught the vision, followed the gleam, lived on a high plane and at a high tension until he had prematurely worn himself out with unselfish abandonment in the service of Christ, of this church and this community, but not before he had proven himself an efficient, wise, foresighted and great-hearted leader, and had widened and deepened the scope of the ministry of New First Church.

Slowly he had become an epitome and practical interpreter of that democracy men hear so much about and understand so little because its keynote is service—unselfish service even until death. He laid down the pathways of service in this community which New First will probably follow for many years to come.

He touched all sorts and conditions of men. While developing loyal and loving contact with rescue and reclamation agencies, he stood between men and the prison walls, stood between the hungry and want, and was looked up to by hundreds for guidance in their hour of trouble and was beloved by hundreds more who seldom entered the church but were the better for this church and his ministry in it.

His house was known to all the vagrant train:
He chid their wanderings, but relieved their pain.

He loved unselfishly, sympathized with and suffered vicariously with and for those lives he touched and touching lifted toward the crystal purity of his own trustful, hopeful soul.

As he gave so unstintedly so he grew into mastery and in the subtle power of his appeal to men. Honors sought him, but he sought them not.

For other aims his heart had learned to prize,
More skilled to raise the wretched than to rise.

He looked out at this multitude scattered abroad and going astray because they had no Shepherd, so he made the pastorate the crown of all his work. He could not rest while these multitudes were away on the wild mountains of sin. He longed to see them safe in the fold of the Good Shepherd. So he went out after them, carried them on his strong shoulders, literally bore their burdens, shared their sorrows and poured out his life's strength for them until one Sunday two short years ago, about the time of the evening sacrifice, God said: "It is enough, come up higher." Then "God's finger touched him and he slept."

But the scene in this church when thousands passed his bier with eyes blinded by tears was eloquent of the people's love for the beloved pastor and will never fade from the memories of those who were privileged to be present. The tablet unveiled now by his son Baldwin bears the legend Psa. 78:22: "So he was their Shepherd according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands."

Carlos Alexander Roberts was born March 28, 1861, in Wood county, Ohio. He is a son of Cutler Fellows and Jeannette (Voss) Roberts, who upon their marriage settled near Wallbridge, where the son grew up and was educated in the common schools. Here he worked at farming many years.

Mr. C. F. Roberts first bought land in Wood county, then he bought farm land in Lucas county that is now within the city limits of Toledo. After disposing of this property he owned another farm in Lucas county. Whenever another man offered him his price the land was for sale, and his next land investment was in Henry county where he lived five years, sold the land and in 1878 he invested in timber land in Swan Creek Township. Twenty years later he sold it and removed to McClure, Ohio. He died there February 12, 1907. and his wife died two years later in Wauseon.

Although he had his home with his parents, C. A. Roberts worked out as a farm hand until he was thirty-four years old, when

he was married to Fannie Carter, of Amboy Township, Fulton county. She is a daughter of Solomon Carter. She had been married before to Samuel Baldwin, and she has one son, Frank Baldwin, of Swan Creek Township. Soon after his marriage Mr. Roberts bought 120 acres of land, with about sixty acres cleared, and he now has ninety acres under cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and the livestock business, giving special attention to thoroughbred Holstein dairy cattle.

Mr. Roberts has modern farm improvements, having built and rebuilt all the buildings himself. He is a member of the Christian Union Church and in politics he is a republican. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are: Esther Carter, wife of Jacob Evans; and Nolan F. Roberts.

The business in which Mr. Roberts has been engaged for many years is a truly constructive service. He has developed farms, bringing them to a state of profitable production, has built homes, and while he has done this as a regular business, the aggregate results have brought substantial benefits to the several communities in which he has lived. His business and his good citizenship are facts that are thoroughly appreciated in his home community of Swan Creek.

George H. Crane, a banker of Fayette, spent his early life in Lenawee county, Michigan, but for many years was in Pennsylvania, with the iron and steel industry.

Mr. Crane was born in Madison Township, Lenawee county, November 25, 1871, son of Calvin H. and Jennie (Merrick) Crane. His paternal grandparents were George L. and Leah R. (Ramsdell) Crane, the former born in 1810. The great-grandparents, George and Charity (Lincoln) Crane, were natives of Massachusetts, and in 1817 became part of the moving tide of population going over the Alleghenies to the middle west, and were among the first home makers in southern Michigan, in Lenawee county. Calvin H. Crane was born in Lenawee county, and while attending school at Union Springs, New York, met Miss Jennie Merrick, who was born in Rose Valley, that state, daughter of George W. and Elsie O. Merrick. After his marriage he returned to Michigan and became an engineer with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. He died in 1916, while his wife passed away November 30, 1871, George H. being her only child.

George H. Crane was reared in the homes of his paternal and maternal grandparents in Lenawee county. He attended the Friends school at Adrian, graduating in 1890, and soon afterward went to Cleveland, where for 1½ years he was superintendent of motive power for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. For seven years he had charge of the office of the C. B. Pennock wholesale house at Adrian, Michigan, and then joined the Page Fence Company at Monessen, Pennsylvania, serving as chief paymaster two years and then as chief clerk for the entire plant. He remained with that industry seven years, and in 1906 resigned and located at Fayette. Here he assisted in organizing the Fayette State Savings Bank, of which he has since been cashier. H. C. Rorick is president, John C. Rorick, vice president, A. V. Foster, M. B. Badger, Eva M. Crane and George M. Griffin, directors.

Mr. Crane married September 17, 1897, Miss Eva Rorick, who was born in Seneca Township of Lenawee county, daughter of Casper and Alice (Horton) Rorick, also natives of the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Crane have two children, Amy C. and George H. The

daughter is a graduate of Oxford College for Women in Ohio and is now teaching in the high school at Fayette.

Mr. Crane has served Fayette as mayor one term, as member of the School Board five years, and during that time was president three times. He is a democrat and is a Knight Templar Mason.

SIMON MARION WAGONER. While John Wagoner, who planted the family tree in the United States, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Simon Marion Wagoner of Swan Creek is in the third generation of the family in Ohio. His parents, John and Catharine (Kessler) Wagoner, are natives of Seneca county. The grandfather, John Wagoner, of Perry county, was a son of the immigrant, John Wagoner. John Wagoner, Sr., came to the United States when he was fifteen years of age.

When John Wagoner came to America he was accompanied by an older brother, who wanted to enlist in the army, but on account of the age of the younger brother the young man had difficulty in enlisting, and finally both were made soldiers. The brother was killed at the battle of the Cow Pens, and at Yorktown John Wagoner was within fifteen feet of General Washington when General Cornwallis surrendered to him.

The maternal grandparents of S. M. Wagoner, John Kessler and his wife, came from Germany and they were early settlers in Sandusky county. The paternal grandfather, John Wagoner, Jr., was a soldier in the War of 1812, and he was at Detroit when Hull surrendered. After his marriage John Wagoner, Jr., purchased an eighty-acre farm from his father in Sandusky county, but in 1852 he sold it to a brother and he then located in Swan Creek Township, Fulton county. He entered forty acres and bought forty across the line in Henry county. It was all wild land and he cleared and improved it. He died in 1907, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife had been dead forty years.

Simon M. Wagoner was the oldest child born in the family of John Wagoner, and the others are: Mahla, who is deceased, married Frank Werich; Mary, wife of Charles Stevens, of Liberty Center, Ohio; Jacob, of Swan Creek; Thomas J., of Swan Creek; Sarah, wife of Michael McGee, of Sandusky county; Emma, wife of James Gabriel, of Ashtabula county; and George, who died in childhood; and John, deceased.

While the Wagoner family's military history began in the Revolutionary war and cropped out again in the second war with England, S. M. Wagoner sustained the reputation of the family in the Civil war, enlisting February 4, 1864, in Company 9, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, S. S., under Capt. W. L. Sterns, and he was mustered in on the eighteenth of March. He was a private to be armed with a Spencer rifle, but bartered the position for a major's commission in the Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, much against the wishes of the company.

Major Wagoner was in many of the hard fought battles of the Civil war, including the battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Nye River, North Ann River, Salem Court House, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, where he was stationed at the time of a mine explosion, and he was at Weldon Railroad. At Cold Harbor Major Wagoner was shot in the right arm, and he was sent to an

army hospital at Washington City. Later he was in the following battles: Yellow Farm, Ream Station, Poplar Grove, Pegram Farm, Squirrel Level Road, Hatches Run, Notaway River and Fort Steadman. On July 28, 1865, Major Wagoner received his discharge.

When Mr. Wagoner was again a private citizen he cleared a forty acre tract he had purchased from his father. He built a house and barn and made other necessary improvements there, later buying another forty acre timber tract, which he also converted into farm land, and he was always active in farm work until 1913, when he rented his land, although he lives in retirement at the old homestead where he began his activities at the close of the Civil war.

In September, 1866, Mr. Wagoner married Catharine Smith. She was born September 6, 1843, in Seneca county. She is a daughter of Abraham and Rebekah (Berkstresser) Smith. They were natives of York state, but they came early to Ohio.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner are: Charles and William, of Toledo; Alpha, wife of Ralph Earhart, of Huntington, Indiana; Estella, wife of Charles Hoyt, of Toledo; and one child, Rebekah, who died in infancy.

Mr. Wagoner has been an active man in community affairs. While he had but meager educational advantages, knowing only the log school houses of the day, he has served Swan Creek Township as justice of the peace, and he has served as an elder in the Christian Union Church. In politics Mr. Wagoner is a democrat. He is a member of Hendricks Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Colton, Ohio. For thirty years he served the post as quartermaster.

There is perhaps no family represented in the citizenship of Fulton county more completely imbued with American patriotism than that of Simon M. Wagoner. He and his descendants are eligible to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and he himself has earned the lasting esteem of his nation for the part he played in preserving the Union. Mr. Wagoner was born at Sandusky, Ohio, August 27, 1842, was a young man when he entered the army, and during the half century since the war he served equally well in civil responsibilities by clearing and developing one of the good farms of Fulton county.

Joel Gearig, one of the prosperous general farmers of Swan Creek Township, deserves special credit for his success, for he has earned it through his own efforts. He was born in German Township, Fulton county, on September 23, 1863, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (King) Gearig, natives of France and Switzerland, respectively. Christian Gearig, the paternal grandfather, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Fry, came to the United States about 1829, settling in Wayne county, Ohio, and when Swan Creek Township was still a part of Lucas county he came to it and entered 160 acres of land north of Pettisville. The maternal grandfather came to Fulton county at an early day and entered 240 acres of land in German Township, on which Joseph Gearig and his wife settled after their marriage, and where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were as follows: Mattie, who is Mrs. Fred Peters, of Michigan; Anna, who is Mrs. Nathan Aeachliman, of Clinton Township; Daniel, who lives at Elmira, Ohio; Amos, who lives in Hillsdale county, Michigan; Catherine; who is Mrs. Joseph Bonier, of Clinton Township; Joel, whose name heads this review; and Joseph, who lives in Michigan.

Joel Gearig attended the schools of his home district, and remained with his parents until his marriage, which occurred on April 6, 1886, when he was united with Rose Bonier, born in France, a daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Guyman) Bonier. After his marriage Mr. Gearig bought forty acres of land in German Township, but not long afterward sold it and moved to Schuyler county, Missouri, where he bought an eighty-acre farm and conducted it for two years. Selling that farm, he bought another one of 134 acres in the same county, and the operating of it occupied him for five years. Receiving a good offer for this land, he sold it and came back to Fulton county and rented the family homestead in German Township until 1900, when he bought eighty acres in section 3, Swan Creek Township, of which thirty acres were cleared and the remainder in timber. The buildings were old and small, and he has rebuilt and enlarged them, and put others where needed, and made other necessary improvements, having his premises in good condition. At the same time he has kept busy putting his land in condition, having it now all cleared with the exception of about four acres of brush. In all of his farming he has raised a general line of crops, and he is now milking from six to seven cows of the Holstein strain.

Mr. and Mrs. Gearig became the parents of the following children: Ira, who died when he was twenty-six years and four months old; Edwin, who is at home; Homer, who is a farmer of Swan Creek Township; Oscar, who is a farmer of Fulton Township; and Catherine, who is at home. Mr. Gearig is a democrat, but aside from exercising his right of suffrage, he has taken but little part in public affairs. He is a very practical man, and has devoted himself steadfastly to the earning of a living for his family through the medium of his farming activities. While he has been in sympathy with those measures which had for their object the advancement of the several communities to which his business took him, Mr. Gearig did not feel that he was so placed that he could be active in promoting them. His recreation has been found in his home and with his family, and he is not a member of any fraternity. He does maintain a membership, however, in the Christian Union Church, and gives it a generous financial support. It is such men as Mr. Gearig, dependable, upright, industrious, never sparing themselves, but working along in a straight path of every day duty, who make up the great backbone of real Americanism. They are the men who can be depended upon to rise to the occasion in any emergency where solid citizenship is needed, and are the founders and preservers of the agricultural interests of the nation.

William V. Barnard. There is a great satisfaction to be found in the realization that one's life work has brought forth results which are visible to the world. It sometimes happens that a man has accomplished much, but that circumstances are such that he receives no outward credit for his work, and is made to feel that to his neighbors he is anything but a success. Such a condition is not a happy one, and consequently when results appear on the surface the one producing them is to be congratulated. The fine farm property of William V. Barnard of Swan Creek Township proves that he is a good farmer and excellent business man, for he has developed and improved this estate from wild land through his own personal efforts.

William V. Barnard was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 6, 1839, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Smith) Barnard, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, respectively. They were married in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio in the early '30s. His wife died about 1843, having borne him five children after they came to Ohio, as follows: John, who is deceased; Mary Jane and Margaret, both of whom are also deceased; William V., whose name heads this review; and Jacob Smith, who is a resident of Wooster, Ohio. After the death of his first wife Jacob Barnard was married to Catherine Burns, and they had four children, namely: Hannah, who is Mrs. James Dennis of Ashland, Ohio; Jane, who is deceased; Thomas, who is a resident of Medina county, Ohio; and a fourth who is deceased. Following the death of the second Mrs. Barnard, Jacob Barnard was married to Margaret Cravin, and both are now deceased.

Until 1860 William V. Barnard lived with his father and then for two years conducted one of his father's farms. For the subsequent year he worked by the day, and then rented a farm in Seneca county, Ohio, until he bought fifty acres of land on a sand ridge in Hancock county, Ohio, all of which was in a wild state. He partially improved this farm, living upon it for six or seven years, and then sold it and bought forty acres of partly improved land in Wood county, Ohio, operating it for ten years, a portion of the time residing at Hoytville, Ohio, where he bought ½ acre of land and erected a house on it. This continued to be his home until in 1894. On September 24th of that year he bought forty acres of wild woodland in Swan Creek Township, and since then has cleared off all the brush and timber, dug out the stumps, and made many valuable improvements, including the erection of suitable buildings, and he now has one of the best farms in the township

In 1860 Mr. Barnard was united in marriage with Mary Bastel, born in Wayne county, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Bertha (Bastel) Bastel. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard had the following children: Anna Maria, who is Mrs. Elmer Letherman of Colton; Lorinda Jane, who is keeping house for her father; Ezekiel, who lives in Kansas; and Mrs. William Thomas, who lives at North Baltimore, Ohio. Mrs. Barnard died about 1897.

Mr. Barnard had but few educational advantages in his youth, as he had to go to work as soon as he was able to handle the farm implements, but he has been a keen observer and has kept himself well informed on current matters, and has always had more than his share of good common sense. In politics he is a strong republican. For some years he has been a member of the Church of God. A man of strict integrity and upright living, he stands very high among his neighbors, and deserves the prosperity which is his.

Woodson T. Campbell. Although he has extensive theatrical interests elsewhere, Woodson T. Campbell maintains his residence at Wauseon, and this city would be loath to have him depart from its midst, for he is recognized as one of its leading and most progressive men. He was born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1851, a son of Rev. George W. Campbell, a minster of the Christian Church, and a member of a family founded in this country by William Campbell, who came here from Scotland and located at Bangor, Maine. His son, Reverend Campbell, came as far west as Indiana when a young man and remained a resident of that state until his death.

Woodson T. Campbell attended the village schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he had the misfortune to lose his father, so he had to become self-supporting, which he did by working in a printing office for two years at Rushville, Indiana. Seeking experience, Mr. Campbell became a sewing machine agent, and canvassed the territory about Cincinnati, Ohio, for a year, then going to Connersville, Indiana, where he was clerk for the Sheridan House, owned by his uncle, and for two years he attended to the office of that hostelry and made friends with the traveling public.

His is not a nature to be content with the ordinary routine of life, and his love of adventure led him to join Cooper & Bailey's circus, with whom he secured show privileges and remained with this firm for a time, when he left to engage with a variety show. Still later he was with other circus owners, traveling all over the country and gaining an intimate knowledge of the demands on the part of the public for entertainment as he could have secured in no other manner, and which has been very valuable to him in his after life. His experience brought him positions of added responsibility, and he was with several circus firms as master of transportation, going as far west as California several times. At last after a number of years with this branch of the amusement industry Mr. Campbell rented the old Woods Museum at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, fitted it up and conducted it for three years, when he sold his interest and returned to circus life, engaging with P. T. Barnum in 1884, but, marrying not long afterward, to please his bride he left the circus and bought eighty acres of land and began breeding trotting horses. Overcoming his wife's objections, he returned in about five years to Barnum's circus and for a season had the feeding contract. Receiving a good offer for his stock farm, he sold it, and then in partnership with Frank M. Drew, bought the Star Theatre at Cleveland, Ohio, and they operated it for three years. They then secured the lease of the Colonial Theatre of Cleveland, Ohio, and own the building in which it is located and were interested in a number of theatrical enterprises throughout the country, and also operated in Canada, but disposed of his holdings in them some time ago. He still is interested in agricultural matters and owns a fine farm of 137½ acres in Clinton Township.

In 1884 Mr. Campbell was married to Lura Hollister, a daughter of David and Pamelia (Lamb) Hollister, of Wauseon. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have no children. Mr. Campbell is a Mason, belonging to Rushville Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Cleveland Commandery, Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Elks of Cleveland. In his politics Mr. Campbell is a strong republican and is not backward in expressing his opinions. His career has been varied but eminently successful, and he never allows his interest to flag but is constantly looking for new ideas in connection with his business. Genial in a marked degree, he has friends from Maine to California, and from Winnipeg, Canada, to the Panama Canal, all of whom recognize his many excellent traits of character and the warm sympathy which makes him so responsive to the calls upon his purse and his time. Regarding Wauseon as his home, Mr. Campbell is very generous in his support of its improvements, and can be depended upon to subscribe liberally whenever a movement is started looking toward a change which promises to be of benefit to the community.

GEORGE ELIAS ARNOLD. Visitors in Swan Creek Township have occasion to comment upon and admire the productive farm and the improvements created by George Elias Arnold. Those who understand his career appreciate even more what he has accomplished in this community as a farmer. He came face to face with the serious responsibilities of life at the age of twelve years, and for half a century he has given his time to an uninterrupted program of work and the utilization of such opportunities as have come. He is a good farmer and an equally good citizen of his community.

Mr. Arnold was born in Copley Township of Summit county, Ohio, December 18, 1857. He has an interesting ancestry, and on both sides of the family it has been American for several generations. His paternal great-grandparents were Daniel and Christina (Plum) Arnold, natives of England. Daniel Arnold came with two brothers to this country, and was one of the very early settlers in Summit county, Ohio, where he entered and improved a tract of government land. The paternal grandparents were Samuel and Maria (Oswalt) Arnold, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania.

George E. Arnold is a son of Daniel and Ellen (Durthick) Arnold, the former a native of Summit county and the latter of Wayne county, Ohio. In the maternal line his great-grandfather was a native of Scotland, but came to the American colonies in time to participate as a Continental soldier in the Revolutionary war. The Durthicks were early settlers in Medina county, Ohio, where they acquired large tracts of government land. The maternal grandparents were Cordon and Fannie (Huckelbone) Durthick. Cordon Durthick about the time of the War of 1812 was pressed into the English service, but soon found opportunity to desert and join the American forces.

Daniel and Ellen Arnold after their marriage lived in Summit county, and from that locality Daniel enlisted in the Union Army and gave a gallant service from 1863 until the end of the war. Soon afterward he came to Clinton Township, Fulton county, and thus the Arnold family has been identified with this section of Ohio for over half a century. After a year of residence here he moved to Newaygo county, Michigan, spending three years in that state, and then returned to Fulton county and settled in Swan Creek Township, where he lived an honored citizen and substantial farmer until his death on March 1, 1909. His wife had died in 1876. George E. is the oldest of their children and a brief record of the others is as follows: Fannie, Mrs. George Stacy, of Sand Lake, Michigan; Flora, wife of Dr. Arthur Cooley, of Cleveland; Samuel, who was born in Clinton Township, Fulton county, June 22, 1866, and died in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, March 1, 1919; Clara, wife of George Wheatley, living in Colorado; Etta, deceased, wife of Earnest Andrews; and Alma, Mrs. Edward Rowe, of Swan Creek Township.

George Elias Arnold was eight or nine years of age when he came to Fulton county, and after he was twelve years old had no opportunity to attend school until he put in one more winter term at the age of seventeen. In spite of lack of early advantages he has used his opportunities for observation and reading and has learned many lessons in the school of experience. As a boy he did farm work, and also followed the strenuous occupation of a woods-

man in the lumber districts, working in sawmills in winter and cultivating fields in summer.

In this way he solved some of the early problems of life and in September, 1881, married Lovina Null, a native of Summit county, Ohio, and daughter of George and Christiann Null. Her father was a native of Germany and her mother of Pennsylvania.

For one summer after his marriage Mr. Arnold was employed as a farm hand in York Township, and soon afterward invested his very modest capital in a tract of five acres of woodland in Swan Creek Township. This purchase presented little more than an opportunity for a great deal of hard work in clearing it up. He built his first home on that tract, and has lived there for over thirty-five years, and each year has brought added proof of his industry and good management. By subsequent purchases he has increased his farm to eighty acres, and of this only six acres are now in timber, all the rest being well cultivated. Mr. Arnold also operates a dairy of eight or nine Holstein cows, and is one of the successful farmers of that locality. In politics he is a democrat, and for many years rendered a valuable service to the community as road supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold had three children, their twin daughters dying in infancy. The only surviving child is their son Ralph, a well known young resident of Swan Creek Township. He married Blanch Bowers, and their four children, the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, are named Ruth, George, Clara and Ethel.

Henry Jacob Schlatter is regarded as one of the keenest and most resourceful business men and merchants of Wauseon, being senior partner in Schlatter & Howard, owning and managing the largest general hardware house in Fulton county.

Mr. Schlatter is a son of Rudolph and Luisa (Gugerlie) Schlatter. His grandfather, Jacob Schlatter, came from Switzerland and was an early settler in Franklin Township of Fulton county. He located there when a young man and in addition to clearing up and managing his eighty-acre farm he practiced his profession as a veterinary surgeon. He reared a family of three sons and three daughters. Rudolph Schlatter was the youngest child and spent his life on the homestead farm, where Henry Jacob Schlatter was born in 1876. The latter was five years old when his father died, three years later his mother died, and nine days previously the only daughter in the family passed away. When Henry J. was eleven years old he lost the other member of the household, his only brother. That left him alone in the world and under the guardianship of his uncle, John W. Meister. Under such conditions he had to face the test of unusual responsibilities at an early age. He attended country schools in winter, worked on the farm in summer, and at the age of seventeen made a regular contract with his uncle for farm services at fifty dollars a year. At nineteen he went into a factory making buggy bodies at Auburn, Indiana, and worked a year as a driller. Returning to Fulton county, he resumed farm work in Dover Township at sixteen dollars a month, and then farmed forty-two acres which he personally owned in Franklin Township. Selling out, he bought sixty acres elsewhere in the same township and remained on it, farming, for four years.

In 1901 he became a clerk in the well known Wauseon mercantile firm of Eager, Standish & Company, and was with them almost continuously until 1911. During six months of that time

he was on the road selling farm implements. January 1, 1911, he engaged in the hardware business with I. W. Douat at Wauseon under the name Douat & Schlatter. They took in G. W. Howard, and the firm became Douat, Schlatter & Company. November 11, 1911, occurred a disastrous fire, after which the business was resumed and Mr. Schlatter and Mr. Howard soon bought the half interest of Mr. Douat and since then the firm has been under its present title. They handle general hardware, furnaces, roofing and do a large business both in city and country.

In 1896 Mr. Schlatter married Bertha Clark, daughter of E. H. and Matilda (Bennett) Clark of Dover Township. They have one daughter, Olive Esther, who is a graduate of the Wauseon High School, spent one year in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, is a graduate of the Davis Business College at Toledo, and is now employed in the county superintendent's office.

Mr. Schlatter is a republican, a member of the Methodist Church and is affiliated with the Lodge of Masons, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America, all at Wauseon. During his many years in business Mr. Schlatter has worked out a system of keeping stock records that is thoroughly practical and admirable, since it enables him to know at an instant just what is on hand and what has been sold, and the purchase of new supplies is therefore quickly and promptly adjusted to the changing demands.

Lewis E. Connell is proprietor of the Maple Avenue Stock Farm in Gorham Township. This farm is widely known in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio as the home of one of the best herds of Holstein cattle in the country. Mr. Connell is a noted breeder of this dairy stock, and is president of the Holstein Association in Fulton county and a director of the Ohio State Holstein Breeders Association.

His farm is part of the old Coffin estate, his wife's people, and was taken up by Mrs. Connell's grandfather in pioneer times, more than eighty years ago. Lewis Connell was born in Williams county, Ohio, at West Unity, in 1860, a son of William James and Martha L. (Shepardson) Connell. His father was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and his mother of Lenawee county, Michigan. His grandfather, Dr. Aaron Connell, a New Englander, moved west to Columbiana county and for years was a hard working country physician in that locality. The maternal grandparents, Lewis and Emily (Gunn) Shepardson, were natives of Massachusetts, and were early settlers in Lenawee county, Michigan. William J. Connell was one of seven brothers, and all of them except one, who at the time was an editor in a southern state, enlisted and served in the Union Army during the Civil war. William J. Connell was in Company C of the One Hundredth Ohio Infantry and made a gallant and faithful record throughout the struggle. All these brothers are now deceased except D. C. Connell, who was born in 1833 and is now living in his eighty-seventh year at Findlay, Ohio. He is well preserved for his years, is strong and active, and is now a magazine agent. William J. Connell and wife after their marriage settled at West Unity, and on his return to that county from the war he developed his talent as a vocalist by special instruction in Xenia College, and for many years was a teacher of vocal music. Later he moved to Fayette and in 1873 to a farm in Gorham Township

of Fulton county. He was elected sheriff of Fulton county about 1888 and served two consecutive terms of two years each. Following the war for many years he was in the lumber business, operating sawmills in different localities of northern Ohio. William J. Connell was born in 1839 and died in January, 1913. His wife was born in 1838 and died in 1901. Lewis E. is the oldest of their children. Edwin J. resides at Monroe, Michigan, and Dr. C. V. is a veterinary surgeon at Decatur, Indiana.

Lewis E. Connell acquired his early education in the public schools of Fayette, later attended Valparaiso College in Indiana, and at the age of twenty-three began farming in Gorham Township on his father's place. He remained there about twelve years, and during that time specialized in pure-bred Berkshire hogs. Since then his home has been on the Coffin place, formerly owned by his wife's father, in section 21 of Gorham Township. The Maple Avenue Stock Farm comprises 120 acres, and the big feature is the herd of registered Holstein cattle. Mr. Connell keeps about fifty head of pure bred-bred stock and ships large quantities of milk to the condenseries. He was one of the organizers of the Fayette Elevator Company and is president of that institution.

In 1884 Mr. Connell married Dora E. Coffin. She was born on the farm where she now resides, a daughter of George W. and Emily (Hill) Coffin. Her father was born at Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and her mother near Detroit, Michigan. Her grandparents were Freeman and Hannah (Whitmarsh) Coffin, natives of Massachusetts, who in 1835 came west and entered a tract of 320 acres from the government in Fulton county. All this land was then covered with dense timber and Freeman Coffin cleared up and developed about 160 acres, selling the remainder. His farm was transferred to his son George W. Coffin and 120 acres of it eventually came to Mr. and Mrs. Connell. Much of its splendid fertility and up-to-date improvements belong to the period of ownership by Mr. and Mrs. Connell.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Connell are, Laura L. and Elsie L. The family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Connell is now serving his second term as township trustee of Gorham Township. He is a republican, is affiliated with Tent No. 1186, Knights of the Maccabees, at Fayette, and also with the Gleaners.

Leland D. Westbrook. The agricultural interests of Fulton county are among the most valuable assets of this region, and the men who are engaged in promoting them are to be accounted the supporters of the county's prestige. One of these men who is making a success as a farmer, stockraiser and dairyman is Leland D. Westbrook of Swan Creek Township. He was born in section 8 of this same township on May 23, 1877, a son of George and Phebe (Williams) Westbrook, and grandson of John and Elizabeth Williams.

George Westbrook was born in New York state, but was brought to Swan Creek Township, Fulton county, Ohio, by his mother, then a widow, and was here reared and married. Following his marriage George Westbrook and his wife located on eighty acres of land in Swan Creek Township, which was covered with heavy timber, and worked hard to get it cleared and developed. His death occurred in March, 1912. His widow survives him and lives at Kendallville.

Indiana. Their children were as follows: Addie, who is Mrs. John Griesinger, of Pike Township; Elsie, who is Mrs. Elmer Deck, of Franklin, Pennsylvania; Ina, who is Mrs. John Green, of Swan Creek Township; Celia, who is Mrs. Roy Woodring, of Fulton Township; Leland D., whose name heads this review; William, who resides at Knoxville, Tennessee; and Gertrude, who is Mrs. Charles Miller, of Kendallville, Indiana.

Leland D. Westbrook attended the local country schools, and learned how to be a practical farmer from his father. Until 1916 he conducted rented land, but then bought forty acres of the old homestead, and has since devoted it to general farming, stockraising and dairying, having always been occupied with these lines of endeavor. The year following his purchase his house was destroyed by fire, and he replaced with the present modern residence, and he has built the barns and other structures on his farm. This property is well improved and shows that the owner takes a pride in keeping things in good order.

In December, 1898, Mr. Westbrook was united in marriage with Carrie Woodring, born at Ida, Michigan, a daughter of David and Jeanette (Shide) Woodring, natives of Pennsylvania and Germany, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook have two children, namely: Nellie and Harold, both of whom are at home. In his political convictions Mr. Westbrook is a republican. He has long been a consistent member of the Union Church of his neighborhood, and for seven years served as superintendent of its Sunday School. He is a man who lives up to his creed in his everyday life and sets an example for others to follow of right living and stalwart honesty, and few men stand any higher in public esteem than he. While he has not cared for public honors, he is always willing to do a good citizen's part in maintaining the proper amount of development in his township, and is thoroughly representative of the best type of Ohio farmers.

Daniel Peter Christman, of Swan Creek, was born at Waterville, Lucas county, December 5, 1872, in the same house in which his father, Daniel Christman, Sr., was born and where the Christman family had lived from pioneer days until 1895, when they removed to Brownhelm, Lorain county. The mother, Elizabeth (Hartzing) Christman, was born at Perrysburg, Wood county. The grandparents, who were early residents of Lucas county, died early. They were farmers and helped clear up the timber country.

When Daniel Christman removed to Lorain county he had a sawmill and operated it four years, when he sold it and removed to North Olmstead. In 1917 he came to Fulton county to visit his son, Daniel Peter Christman, and died there. Mr. Christman's mother now resides in Cleveland. On December 23, 1894, he married Minnie Heckerman. She is a daughter of August and Mary Heckerman, and was born at Kelley's Island, Ohio. The father was born in Germany and the mother in Ireland.

After Mr. Christman's marriage he worked his father's home farm for eight years, then came to Fulton county and bought a fifty-acre farm in Pike Township, one mile north of Delta. He remained seven years on this farm, improving it, and when he sold it he doubled his money on it. He then bought eighty acres 2½ miles south of Delta in Swan Creek. Six weeks later he went to Toledo by buy clover seed, and met with a serious misfortune.

It was April 16, 1910, that Mr. Christman went by the Toledo & Indiana Electric Line to Toledo, and on his return he left the car at the Lincoln Hotel in Delta. There was a severe electric storm, and as he was making his way to the home of a friend that night he became entangled in live wires, the traction wire having been blown down and lodged across some high tension wires, and he was struck by a telephone wire with 18,000 volts. In order to protect his face he grasped the wire with his hands and could not let loose of it again.

It was after night and storming and no one was out to hear his cries for assistance, and Mr. Christman stood holding that live wire one hour and ten minutes, every minute filled with agony. Finally, between eleven and twelve o'clock, some one heard the call of distress and notified the town marshal, who came to his relief. He was carried into a nearby house and doctors were called and the injured hands were dressed, although he was so badly burned they assured him he would not live until morning.

Next day Mr. Christman was taken to the Wauseon Hospital, and three days later the hands were amputated as the only possible relief. He was in the hospital three weeks and under the care of the doctor for seven weeks. The damage case was settled out of court, the Toledo & Indiana Traction Company paying him something like $21,000 in money. In the following December Mr. Christman left the farm and settled on a smaller place suburban to Delta. He still owns the farm in Swan Creek Township.

Mr. Christman has invented an artificial hand with which he can accomplish almost anything he undertakes. It is patented and he receives a royalty on the sales, thus benefiting from it financially as well as physically, and he is able to do the work on his smaller farm adjoining Delta. Mr. Christman is a trustee in the Christian Church and also trustee in the Modern Woodmen of America. In a political way he votes the democratic ticket. His children are: Floyd M. Christman, manager of the United States Express Company's business at Rochester, Indiana; Beatrice, who is now teaching school; and Ruth and Roland Frederick, who live at the home of their father.

The Fulton county record of the Christman family is throughout one of honorable industry and public spirit, and it is a significant illustration of the character of the family stock that Mr. Christman when handicapped by physical energies has been able to continue a life of usefulness and "by using his head" is able to do more than many otherwise able-bodied men are competent to accomplish.

Harry B. Mack. The Fairmont Farm, known as the Mack family homestead near Delta, was entered from the government in the territorial days of Fulton county history. Although of Scotch parentage, Eliza Brooks Mack was born May 3, 1804, in Donegal, Ireland. She boarded a ship, June 18, 1823, at Londonderry, Ireland, and sailed for the United States. It was August 15 that she landed in New York City. She was almost two months crossing the Atlantic.

This young Irish woman remained in New York until December 1, 1829, when she married William Mack, who had also come from Ireland. They located in Jefferson county, New York, where they remained four years before coming to Perrysburg, Wood

county, Ohio. They lived in Wood county from 1834 until 1840, when they moved to the timber land they had entered in the wilds of what is now Fulton county. There were twelve children born in the family, and the father died April 30, 1872, and the mother lived until May 7, 1899. She was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church which was organized in John King's barn one mile south of Delta.

Harry Brooks Mack now owns Fairmont Farm, the old Mack homestead of pioneer days in Fulton county. He is a grandson of the woman who immigrated from Ireland and bears her name as well as the Mack family name. On March 23, 1904, he married Florence LaVerne Haley. She is a daughter of John Rutter and Elizabeth (Roos) Haley. She was born in Chesterfield. The Haley grandparents were John and Sarah (Rutter) Haley. He was from Holmes county, Ohio, and John R. Haley, father of Mrs. Mack, was born there. The grandmother was born in Pennsylvania, but the mother was born in Chesterfield. The maternal grandfather, John Philip Roos, was born at Red Hook, New York, and he is descended from Dr. John Philip Burchard Roos, who joined Washington's army in the Revolutionary war. They are of Hessian descent. The grandmother, Emily (Noblis) Roos, was born at Warsaw, New York, but her parents came early to Chesterfield.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mack are: Agnes Elizabeth, May 5, 1906; Harry Haley, March 3, 1909; and Norman Brooks, July 26, 1915. The family are members of the Christian Church. Fairmont Farm is one of the oldest family homesteads in Fulton county.

The farm comprises eighty-three acres, is practically all under cultivation, and its improvements easily identify it among the better country homes of the county. To a large degree the success of this modern farm has been due to the intelligent efforts put forth by Harry B. Mack, who in his own character worthily upholds the record of this honored pioneer name in Fulton county.

Francis Jerome Hoyt. Having spent his life in Swan Creek Township, Francis Jerome Hoyt, one of the progressive farmers of Fulton county, naturally is much interested in this region and an active factor in promoting its welfare. He was born in Swan Creek Township on January 18, 1856, a son of Charles and Amelia (McCullough) Hoyt, he born near Batavia, New York, and she in Sandusky county, Ohio. In 1844 Charles Hoyt came to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, with his parents, but later left them and settled on the Maumee River in Lucas county. Following his marriage he spent a few years in Henry county, and then bought eighty acres of wild timber land in Swan Creek Township, Fulton county, which he cleared off, improved and resided upon until his death, which occurred on March 16, 1889. His wife passed away in 1875, having borne him the following children: Marietta, who is Mrs. John Alonza King of Weston, Ohio; Ruth Alice, who is Mrs. Eugene Kane, of Toledo, Ohio; and Francis Jerome, who is the youngest. Charles Hoyt had a daughter by a previous marriage, who is Jane, Mrs. Robert Wood, of Wood county, Ohio.

Francis J. Hoyt was married to Isabella Hulet, a daughter of Edward and Rachel (Lindley) Hulet, born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. Mr. Hulet was born at Brunswick, Medina county, Ohio. In

1860 the Hulet family moved to Swan Creek Township, Fulton county, and Mr. Hulet bought ninety acres of land in section 9. This land was covered with timber, and Mr. Hulet worked hard to clear it off until his death, which occurred on February 14, 1873. His widow survived him until February 4, 1912. Mrs. Hoyt is the only child of her parents.

Following his marriage Mr. Hoyt moved on the old homestead of his father-in-law, and after the latter's death cared for Mrs. Hulet as long as she lived. Mr. Hoyt now owns 150 acres of land in his home place and two other tracts, one of twenty acres and the other of forty acres. He has 110 acres under cultivation, the rest being in woodland and pasture. Mr. Hoyt has always been a general farmer and stockraiser, and is recognized as one of the enterprising men in his line.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt became the parents of the following children: Charles Edward, who lives at Toledo, Ohio; Francis Leon, who is also at Toledo; Beulah Isabella, who is at home; and Raymond Harold, who died in infancy. While Mr. Hoyt's educational advantages were confined to those offered by the district schools of his neighborhood, Mrs. Hoyt attended Delta High School and the normal school at Medina, Ohio. In the faith of the United Brethren Mr. Hoyt finds expression for his religious views. He is a strong republican and has been elected on his party ticket to the offices of township trustee and school director, and held the former one for three years. In addition to making a success of his farming, Mr. Hoyt has also gained the respect and confidence of his neighborhood, and is recognized as an excellent type of the Ohio farmer and citizen in good standing. The name of the Hoyt farm home is Seven Oaks.

Daniel Lilley. Agriculture today continues as essential to peace as it was to war, and consequently now more than ever must the farmer receive due credit for what he has accomplished. Fulton county is producing some of the best agriculturists now, just as it has done in the past, and these men are making magnificent records for their section. One of these progressive citizens is Daniel Lilley, who is engaged in farming in York Township. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on March 24, 1871, a son of Hugh and Jane (Montgomery) Lilley, natives of Ireland and Ontario, Canada, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Hugh Lilley, died in Ireland, and the maternal grandparents, Frank and Jane Montgomery, were natives of the Emerald Isle.

When he was seventeen years old Hugh Lilley, the younger, came across the ocean to Canada and learned the trade of a mason, but later became a farmer. In 1874 he came to the United States, and located in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, buying eighty acres of land that was very heavily covered with timber. He cleared off his land and placed it under cultivation, and there he died in 1911, his widow surviving him until 1916. Their children were as follows: Mary, who is Mrs. F. J. Shannon, of Michigan; Sarah, who was Mrs. Datin Roach, is deceased; Matilda, who is deceased; Rachel, who is Mrs. Fisk Brainard, of Alabama; Frank, who died at the age of three years; Anna, who is Mrs. Vernon Kesler, of Fulton county, Ohio; Daniel, whose name heads this review; Jennie, who is the widow of David Mack, lives at Delta, Ohio; Hugh, who is a resident of York Township; John, who is a resident of Toledo,

Ohio; Bertha, who is Mrs. Frank Mack, of Pike Township; and Verna, who is Mrs. Burr Kesler, of York Township.

Daniel Lilley attended the district schools and remained at home until his marriage, which occurred on August 9, 1896 when he was united with Orpha Aummend, born in York Township, May 1, 1874, a daughter of Samuel G. and Martha (Misson) Aummend. For the year following his marriage Mr. Lilley lived on rented land in York Township, and then moved on the eighty-acre farm he owned in section 35 in the same township. This he improved and lived upon from 1898 until 1913, when he sold it and moved to Delta and spent a year. In the meanwhile he had bought the old homestead of his father, and in 1914 moved on it and it has since been his home. Here he is carrying on general farming and dairying, keeping from six to twelve cows of the registered Holstein strain. Since coming here he has either rebuilt or replaced all the buildings and has everything in fine condition. Seventy acres of his land is under cultivation, the remainder being in pasture, and his farm is one of the best improved in the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilley became the parents of the following children: Howard, one of the veterans of the great war, was discharged from the navy during 1919, after a service of about eight months; and Marion, who is at home. Mrs. Lilley was given the advantage of attendance at the Wauseon Normal School and for eight terms taught in the district schools of Mahoning county prior to her marriage. She is one of the following family: Mrs. Oliver George, who lives in York Township; Flora, who was Mrs. George Bowers, is now deceased; Clark, who lives in Pike Township; Alpha, who is Mrs. Daniel Ringel of Huron county, Ohio; Thomas, who lives in York Township; Minnie, who died at the age of fifteen years; Mannie G., who lives in York Township; Dora, who is Mrs. Waldo Smith of Aurora, Illinois; Mrs. Lilley; Mabel, who is Mrs. Terry Tremain of York Township; and Harry, who died at the age of four years. Mr. Aummend, father of the above mentioned family, died in 1900, but his widow survives him and makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Oliver George.

Mr. Lilley is a democrat, but has no official record, his tastes leading him to keep out of politics. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias No. 199 of Delta, Ohio, and he has held the office of doorkeeper in that lodge. A hard worker, he has striven to do whatever he undertook well and to render an efficient service, and as a result he has acquired a fair competency and good standing in his neighborhood.

Dr. James Alexander Craig. While he now lives on a Fulton Township farm and devotes himself to pursuits agricultural, Dr. James Alexander Craig supplemented his common and high school education in Christian county, Illinois, with a medical education in Washington College of St. Louis. For a number of years he practiced medicine in Illinois.

Doctor Craig was born June 26, 1875, in Christian county, Illinois, and is a son of James and Narcissa (Rape) Craig. The father came from Glasgow, Scotland. The mother was a native of Sangamon county, Illinois. When James Craig was fourteen years old he came with a younger brother to Canada, but he soon crossed the boundary into the United States. He worked on farms in New York until he was twenty-one years old, when he went to Spring-

field, Illinois, where he again worked on farms in Sangamon county. After the Civil war he removed to Christian county. He bought land there in 1867. He died there in 1918, his wife having died ten years before that time.

Their children were: William, of Christian county; Elizabeth Jane, widow of Robert Armitage, of Taylorsville, Illinois; Minnie Alice, wife of F. W. Kepper, of Jasper, Missouri; Ada and Ida, twins, deceased; Jacob, of Christian county; and Dr. J. A. Craig, the youngest of the family. In August, 1897, he married Edith M. Aymer, of Christian county, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Beckingham) Aymer. They were from England.

Doctor Craig practiced medicine at Farmersville, Illinois, for five years, when he removed to Pawnee, Christian county. In 1916 he purchased a farm of 295 acres in Fulton Township and removed to Fulton county, Ohio. The Doctor laid aside his profession for the oldest occupation known to the sons of men—agriculture. Beside general farming and livestock industry he gives special attention to a fine Holstein dairy.

The children of Dr. and Mrs. Craig are: Jessie M., wife of George E. Kessler of Fulton, Arthur F., James A., Bonnie Marie, Robert E., Alice E., Aymer D., Bessie, Bernidie and Dorothy. The family are members of the Methodist Church. The Doctor votes the democratic ticket and while living in Illinois he served as a member of the Board of Education. His Masonic Lodge membership is in Pawnee, Illinois, Gerard Chapter.

While one of the newcomers in Fulton county, the community has welcomed a man of such progressive type as Doctor Craig exemplifies. He is a man of scholarship and education, well qualified for leadership in agriculture, and his opinion is naturally respected on many subjects affecting the interests of the community.

Fred Lewis Richards. The Richards family is one of the old-established ones of Ohio and Fulton county, and its representatives have long been associated with those industries which are connected with agricultural activities. One of the members of this family who has attained to a well-merited prosperity is Fred Lewis Richards of Swan Creek Township. He was born in York Township this county on March 12, 1876, a son of Leander E. and Ida (Holborn) Richards, natives of Indiana and Fulton county, Ohio, respectively. A sketch of Leander E. Richards and his wife appears elsewhere in this work.

Fred Lewis Richards attended the public schools in the several localities in which his parents' interests caused them to reside, and when he was seventeen years old he began working as a farm hand by the month, and was so engaged for a period of five years. On September 4, 1898, he was married to Ella Detwiler, born in Swan Creek Township, a daughter of Oliver and Mary (Teft) Detwiler, and they have three children, namely: Ophal May, Floy Oliver and Bertha, all of whom are at home.

Following his marriage Fred Lewis Richards bought thirty-two acres of land in section 30, which was all cleared, and he has been a farmer of Swan Creek Township ever since. He subsequently added twenty-five acres to his farm, which is also improved, and now has a very valuable property. The present buildings have all been erected by him and he has made other improvements to bring his farm up to modern standards. Here he is carrying on general

farming and dairying, his herd numbering eight cows of the Holstein strain. Having spent all of his life in farming, Mr. Richards is thoroughly experienced and is not afraid to try new methods, for he recognizes the fact that something is constantly being brought to light. When he finds one which suits him and his work he adopts it. In this way he has brought his operations up to the highest degree of efficiency, and his land produces banner crops.

Owing to the fact that he has been so occupied with his farming Mr. Richards has not cared to enter public life, but, like his good father, he always votes the republican ticket and upholds the principles of his party. While not a member of any religious organization, he attends the services of the Raker Universalist Church, and contributes toward its support. Having spent practically all of his life in Fulton county, he is naturally interested in its growth and development, and can be depended upon to back any movement which in his opinion will bring about these results.

Alfred de La Mare has developed a valuable farm in Swan Creek Township, and is recognized as one of the representatives of the agricultural class in Fulton county. He was born on the Island of Guernsey in August, 1848, a son of John and Sophia (DeGaris) de La Mare, also natives of the Island of Guernsey, who came to the United States in 1861. After a short period spent in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, they came to Swan Creek Township, buying eighty acres of partly cleared and improved land, of which they later sold their son Alfred half, residing on the other half for some years. They then sold it and bought another forty-acre tract a half mile south of their original farm, and there Mrs. de La Mare died, following which Mr. de La Mare went to live with his son Alfred, and remained with him as long as he survived. His children were as follows: Sophia, who was Mrs. Manuel Cole, is deceased; Alfred; Louisa, who died in infancy; and John, who died at the age of five years.

When he was twenty-one years of age Alfred de La Mare went to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked at gardening for one season and then drove a milk wagon for three years. He then returned to Swan Creek Township, to the forty acres of land he had bought from his father. This property was partly improved, but it had no buildings and he had to erect all of them. He has kept four acres of the original timber land, but has the remainder under cultivation, and has added to his farm until he now has sixty acres on the west side of the road and thirty acres on the east, and his wife owned ten acres one mile north of their farm. This had an old mill dam on it for furnishing the water power to run the Raker mill. This small tract is also operated by Mr. de La Mare. He carries on general farming and keeps a good-sized dairy and breeds cattle, hogs, horses and sheep.

On November 25, 1875, Mr. de La Mare was united in marriage with Sarah Engleman, a daughter of John and Catherine (Smith) Engleman, born in Ohio. Mrs. de La Mare died on October 2, 1897, having borne her husband the following children: Sophia, who is Mrs. Royal Reighard, of Swan Creek Township; an unnamed son who died in infancy; and Ethel, who married Carl Watkins, now operating the home farm, while Mrs. Watkins keeps house for her father. Mr. de La Mare is a member of the Raker Union Church. He is a strong prohibitionist and rejoices in the passage and ratifica-

tion of the Eighteenth Amendment. When he and his associates in this movement began their fight the general public had but little sympathy with them, never for a moment thinking that it would ultimately be successful. These early workers endured much in their efforts to educate the people with reference to the evils of the liquor traffic, and to them is due the credit for the great reform wave which has swept not only over this country, but is reaching out to include others, so that it is only a matter of time until the entire world will be "dry."

THOMAS JEFFERSON WAGGONER. The honored name he bears would suggest that Thomas Jefferson Waggoner of Swan Creek Township is affiliated with the democratic party. Mr. Waggoner was born in Washington Township, Henry county, February 2, 1858, and he is a son of John B. and Catharine (Kessler) Waggoner. In early life he attended the district school, but hard work has always been part of his life history.

On November 3, 1879, Mr. Waggoner married Mary Alice Null, who is a daughter of George and Christina (Arnold) Null. For two years after his marriage he resided with his parents, then he bought forty acres of land, with fifteen acres partly cleared, and he at once cleared all of it but five acres retained for pasture. The rest of the land is under cultivation. All necessary farm buildings have been added, and later his father gave him another tract of forty acres. Later he bought thirty-nine acres only a short distance from it, and withal he has one of the good farms in Swan Creek Township. On each tract there is a small amount of timber, and timber always adds to the value of farm land when the beauty is taken into consideration.

The children in the Waggoner family are: Nettie, the wife of Louis Hoffman, of Swan Creek; Myrtle Belle, wife of John Sweeny; James, who farms the home place; Alice, wife of Allen Worden, of Toledo; George, of Henry county; Jesse, of Minneapolis; Ethel, wife of Charles Detwiler, of Toledo; Pearl, wife of Floyd Baker, of Swan Creek; Harry, of Toledo; and Le Roy, of Toledo, who served in the Light Artillery in France in the World war.

It will be noted that Mr. Waggoner had a son in the World war. That is an additional service to one of the most patriotic families found in Fulton county. Mr. Waggoner's own father was a Civil war soldier, and his first American ancestor bore arms for the independence of this country in the War of the Revolution. While the family has done its part in the various wars of the nation, their sustained service has been equally notable in making homes and clearing lands in the middle west, and the farm and home of Mr. Waggoner in Swan Creek Township is an impressive evidence of the substantial character and industry of its owner.

ROY O. MERRILL, of Ai in Fulton county is yet a young man, having been born April 18, 1891, in Fulton Township, Fulton county. His father, Frank C. Merrill, was born near Ottokee, while the mother , Etta (Nobbs) Merrill, was born at Ai. They still reside in Fulton Township, Fulton county.

On March 7, 1914, Roy O. Merrill married Ruby Stillwell, of Adrian, Michigan. She is a daughter of Amos P. and Eva (Blair) Stillwell. After his marriage he resided on his father's farm two years, then bought sixty-five acres, and he has improved it with

necessary buildings and fences. He has tiled a great deal and with a dairy in operation is increasing the soil fertility. He has twelve head of Holstein dairy cows.

Mr. Merrill has two sons, Marion Homer, who was born February 19, 1916, and Deane Louis, born January 18, 1920. Running back the Merrill family tree, Frank C. Merrill is a son of Ozias and Jane (Vaughn) Merrill, the father having been born August 2, 1827, in Maine. The mother was born May 5, 1829, in Holmes county, Ohio. The next generation of Merrills was Levi and Lucy (Staple) Merrill.

It was in 1838 that the original Merrill family came by the Erie Canal to Buffalo and by a lake vessel to Toledo, and they soon settled where they have always lived in Fulton county. It was a wild part of the country when the Merrills came into it. They have witnessed the transformation.

It is known that Alexander and Rebecca (Jones) Vaughn, of the family ancestry, were natives of Holmes county, and that in 1834 they came into the limits of what is now Fulton county. Their son James Vaughn was the first white child born in Fulton Township. They lived at Ai. Ozias Merrill conducted a general store in war times—Civil war. He served as auditor of Fulton county in its early history. He was engaged extensively in the real estate business for several years. His death occurred in 1903, while Mrs. Merrill had died seven years earlier. Their children were: Frank C.; Horace A., deceased; Eugene, of Wauseon; and Minnie, wife of William Biddle, of York Township.

Frank C. Merrill married Etta E. Nobbs March 22, 1882, and they located on a farm in Fulton Township. Her parents, James H. and Ann (Fetterman) Nobbs, had come from Pennsylvania. With the land they purchased and the land given them by Mr. and Mrs. Nobbs, the Merrills had 129 acres all under cultivation but twelve acres in timber and pasture. Since 1917 Mr. Merrill has rented the land to his son. The children of the Merrills are: Herma, wife of William Walters, of Fulton Township; Clayton, of Fulton; Florence, wife of Dwight Hand, of Ypsilanti, Mchigan; Roy O. of this sketch; Lucy, wife of Clark Drennan, of Lucas county; Koyrl, of Ypsilanti; and Mildred and Raymond. The members of the family have had common school educations, and the vote is with the republican party. Mr. Merrill has served as trustee of Fulton. He is a Mason in Swanton, and different members of the family belong to the Grange.

William H. Walters, of Fulton, was born August 9, 1880, in Dover. He is a son of O. O. and Ellen (Hoffmeyer) Walters, the parents both natives of York. For twelve years after his marriage O. O. Walters lived in Dover, but in 1882 he bought a farm in Fulton. There are 106 acres of the land and he cleared and improved it. He died there March 16, 1918. The wife still lives there. Their children were: Lulu, wife of Albert Greisinger, of Fulton; William H., who heads this review, and Etta, wife of Edson Harger, of Fulton.

On November 10, 1904, Mr. Walters married Herma Merrill, of Fulton, a daughter of Frank C. and Etta (Nobbs) Merrill. He had already rented a farm, but after marriage he removed to another at Ai, and for seven years he was a tenant, but in the spring of 1912 he bought forty acres where he lived five years, then rented it

and returned to the farm owned by his mother. He is engaged in general farming and stockraising, with attention given to the dairy.

There is one daughter, Elnetta, born July 1, 1906. The family attend Union Church and Sunday School and Berry Grange, and they are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners of Ai. Mr. Walters is a republican, and since 1917 he has served as a member of the Fulton County Central Committee.

Quimby Batdorff. While he is a native of York, Quimby Batdorff, of Fulton, is in the third generation from German ancestry. He was born December 2, 1848, and is a son of Jonah and Elizabeth (Biddle) Batdorff. The mother was born in Holmes county. It was the grandparents, John and Betsey Batdorff, who came from Germany. The grandparents on the other side, Samuel and Elizabeth (Knight) Biddle, were from Pennsylvania.

Both families of the grandparents of Quimby Batdorff were early residents of Fulton county. For a few years Jonah and Elizabeth Batdorff lived in York, where their oldest son was born, and then they lived in Clinton. Later she died in Michigan, and after some years he died in Fulton county. Their children were: Quimby, who enrolls the family; William, of Presque Isle county, Michigan; Mary Ellen, wife of Marion Fashbaugh, of Clinton; Samantha, wife of Samuel Blair, of Ogemaw county, Michigan; and Hiram L., of Wauseon.

On Christmas Day, 1870, Quimby Batdorff married Maggie Mack, of Swan Creek. Her parents, William and Eliza (Brooks) Mack, were from Donegal, Ireland. For a time they lived on the Batdorff farm, then rented another in Fulton, where they lived eight years. When he bought an eighty acre farm Mr. Batdorff immediately put out an orchard, built fences and remodeled farm buildings. In 1868 he learned house painting, and for half a century that has been his principal business while a son looks after the farm requirements.

The Batdorff children are: Jennie, wife of Willard Gunn, of Toledo; James, who is the farmer at the homestead; William, of York; Brooks, of Fulton; May, wife of Henry Moore, of Fulton; Ella, wife of John H. Hable, of Fulton; Joseph, at the homestead; Jonah, of Toledo; and Harry, of Swanton.

Mr. Batdorff has an unusual Civil war record, having served his country exactly five years. He was a member of Company B, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 18, 1866, exactly five years from the date the regiment entered the service. He is a member of McQuillan Grand Army of the Republic Post, and reviews in the way of campfire reminiscences many of the hard fought battles of the war. His ballot is cast with the republican party.

Dr. Arthur Buchanan Lathrop represents at once both the professional life and the business interests of Swanton. He was born September 27, 1856, at Berkey, Richfield Township, Lucas county. He is a son of Clark C. and Louisa (Tuttle) Lathrop, the father from Rochester, New York, and the mother from Fairfield Township, Lenawee county, Michigan. When his father, Clark C. Lathrop, was only twelve years old he was brought by his father, Aruna Lathrop, to Lucas county.

It was in 1835 that the Lathrops came by boat across Lake Erie and cut their way through the heavy timber that covered the coun-

try to Fairfield Township from Maumee. The father and mother of Doctor Lathrop met and married when the country was primitive, and they settled on a farm near Berkey. The father died in 1905, at the age of eighty-two years, and the mother, at the age of eighty-seven, lives with her son in Swanton. Their children are: Dr. A. B. Lathrop; Edgar E., of Lorain county; and Alva A., who died June 9, 1919, in Swanton.

Doctor Lathrop as a boy attended the common schools, and later went to high school in Sylvania. He still later attended a school near Adrian, Michigan, and the Valparaiso Normal at Valparaiso, Indiana. For four years he attended Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. The doctor is a graduate from Starling Medical College in Columbus, and from Bellevue, New York. He began practicing medicine in Swanton, and has been there continuously except in 1900, when he took a post graduate course in New York City and also visited Europe.

In 1876 Doctor Lathrop married Louie M. Clark. Their children are: Homer C., of Indianapolis, who is with the firm of Lathrop, McFarland Company in the automobile business there. Emily is an expert accountant and Louie, who is a graduate in the department of agriculture in the University of Nebraska, operates one of the Lathrop farms near Sylvania.

Doctor Lathrop's second marriage was with Lillian M. Printup, of Sylvania. She is a daughter of John Printup, who came as a babe six months old with his parents to Sylvania Township, Lucas county, in 1835—another pioneer Lucas county family. From this marriage there is one daughter, Helen Lucile. She is a Flower Hospital nurse in Toledo. The doctor and the nurse are both adjuncts to the community.

Doctor Lathrop was the democratic member of the Fulton County Board of Pension Examiners under President Cleveland. He is a Swanton Knight of Pythias, and a Mason up to the thirty-second degree. In the way of a business investment Doctor Lathrop owns a large farm near Sylvania, and is president and manager of the Swanton Home Telephone Company. For nine years, Doctor Lathrop was engaged in private banking business, in the Bank of Swanton, which was taken over by the Farmers and Mechanics Deposit Company.

Horatio Burkey. While he was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1835, Horatio Burkey, of Fulton Township, has lived in Fulton county ever since 1858—three years before he enlisted in the Civil war. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Burkey) Burkey, of Pennsylvania. After coming to Fulton county in 1858 Mr. Burkey worked by the month among farmers until August 21, 1861, when he enlisted in the service of his country. He was a member of Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged from the service December 10, 1863, and next day he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment for three years or until the end of the war.

Mr. Burkey received his final discharge July 12, 1865, near Louisville, Kentucky. He did not escape without injury. He had his knapsack shot off of his back, and he received a gunshot wound in his right wrist. The doctor probed for the bullet and secured it, and Mr. Burkey has it among his treasures today. Aye, the veterans of the Civil war had their share of narrow escapes, and

today their campfires are burning dim—they are now so few in numbers.

When this veteran of the Civil war returned to Fulton county, he bought an eighty-acre tract of timber in Fulton Township and he cleared it. Finally he and his wife owned 250 acres of well improved farm land, but in their old days they gave all to their children except a five-acre tract, where they they live in comfort. Mr. Burkey contracted deafness in the Civil war, and it grew worse until since 1898 he has been totally deaf.

Of the children born to Jacob and Sarah Burkey, those living today are: Anna Eliza, wife of David Livingston, of Holsapple, Pennsylvania; Sarah, who is married and lives in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; and Horatio Burkey, of Fulton county. On July 1, 1866, Jacob Burkey married Rebecca Greisinger. She was born in the community where she has always lived, May 18, 1846, a daughter of Henry and Esther (Shultz) Greisinger. The father was born in Germany while the mother was a native of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Burkey had seven children: Laura F., wife of Frank Enfield, of Fulton; Amelia, who died at thirteen and Abba, who died at eleven; Erwin, of Fulton; Ezra, who is married and lives in Fulton county; Edna, wife of Peter Leibel, of Fulton; and Leonard, who is an Evangelical minister located at Copemish, Michigan. Mr. Burkey belongs to the same denomination as the son.

Mr. Burkey is republican in his political affiliation, and he is a member of McQuillan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Delta.

This is a simple record of an old soldier who gave several years from the flower of his youth to the service of his country, and for many years since has suffered partial impairment of his faculties because of his patriotism to the old flag. And after the military record comes the record of many long years spent in the toil and sacrifice of developing a farm and making a home, and that achievement well performed is an additional solace to a man who has lived four score and five years and in every one of life's numerous relationships has deserved well of his country and his fellow men.

Charles I. Fraker, who for many years was in business with his father in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, but who since the retirement of his father and the latter's ultimate death has devoted himself to the tillage of the old Fraker farm, which has been in the possession of the Fraker family for four generations, ever since the time it was deeded to their pioneer ancestor by President Pierce. The original parchment bearing the United States president's signature is still one of the treasured possessions of the family. The Fraker family has been in Ohio for more than a century, Thomas Fraker, great-grandfather of Charles I., was born in Pennsylvania, but his son George, grandfather of Charles I., was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1819, his parents, Thomas and Nancy (McKee) Fraker, having an adventurous early life in Ohio, the Indians being troublesome in their vicinity in those days. Thomas Fraker came to Fulton county in 1834, and entered government land, gaining title to 320 acres in Swan Creek and York Townships, and eventually receiving the parchment deed signed by the president of the United States. The land was heavily wooded, all wilderness, but the wood was valuable, for the most part walnut, elm, and oak.

Gradually a good acreage was cleared, his son George doing much of the clearing, and continuing the work after his father's death. Thomas Fraker was a typical pioneer, a man of strong purpose, courageous and determined. And he was a man of influence in the township, as the early record shows. His son George, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1819, and came with his father into Fulton county, married Mary Ann Gorsuch. He was of worthy record in the county, and should be placed with his father as one of the pioneers of Swan Creek and York Townships. His son Andrew J., who was born in Clinton Township of Fulton county, married Rachel Fauble, who was born in Fulton Township of the same county, the daughter of Isaac Fauble and his wife, Rachel A. (Watkins), who were both born in Wayne county, Ohio, he in 1815 and she in 1818, and both of them the children of worthy pioneers of that part of Ohio. Michael Fauble, father of Isaac, was born in Germany, and was the American progenitor of the family and the pioneer ancestor in Wayne county, where he died. Isaac Fauble was in Fulton county soon after he had married, and secured several hundreds of acres of undeveloped government land situated in Fulton Township, Fulton county. There he and his wife lived for the remainder of their lives, and there their daughter Rachel, who married Andrew J. Fraker, was born. So that in both paternal and maternal lines the ancestry of Charles I. Fraker of Delta goes back to pioneers of the earliest days of Fulton county, a record which makes a review of his life of particular interest and value in this edition of Fulton County History.

Andrew J. and Rachel (Fauble) Fraker were married on January 14, 1878, and soon afterward settled in Pettisville, Fulton county, where he established himself in a sawmilling enterprise. In the next year, however, he settled in Delta, having purchased an established saw and planing mill at that place. For twenty-one years thereafter he conducted that business, developing also quite a substantial trading in lumber. In 1900 he saw that it would be to his advantage to sell the business, and did so. However, three years later he again acquired the mill, and for the next six years operated it as a stave and heading mill. In 1909 he dismantled the mill and retired altogether from business, having acquired much material wealth by his years of trading. He died nine years later, on December 10, 1918, aged seventy years, having been born on June 26, 1848. Andrew J. Fraker was an able business man, and attained prominent place among the people of Delta. Throughout his life he showed commendable public spirit, and when he became a capitalist he became somewhat widely-known as a banking official. He was one of the founders of the Farmers Savings Bank of Delta, and for very many years was its vice president. His widow, who was born in 1857, still resides in Delta, and is in comparatively good health. The children of Andrew J. and Rachel (Fauble) Fraker were: Charles I., of whom more follows; William H., of Delta, now vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Delta, succeeding his father to the office; Herma Jane, who married the Rev. W. D. Hendershot, of Zanesville, Ohio, the latter in the Christian Church ministry.

Charles I. Fraker, eldest child of Andrew J. and Rachel (Fauble) Fraker, attended the elementary public and also the high schools of Delta, graduating from the latter in 1901. He took a collegiate course at Hiram College of Portage county, Ohio, and eventually

entered business life in association with his father, continuing to take part in the business until his father decided to retire altogether, and to dismantle the mill. Charles I. then gave his attention to the cultivation of the Fraker farming property of 120 acres adjoining the borough of Delta on the southeast, the property eventually becoming his by inheritance and in 1919 he added sixteen acres to it. His decision to work the farm himself arose not only because it was a rich agricultural property, but family associations had some influence in bringing him to a decision, for it is the property upon which four generations of his family have lived, and representing the initial pioneering effort of his great-grandfather, who received title to the property from President Pierce, the original parchment bearing the signature of the nation's then chief executive being still in the possession of the family. Mr. Charles I. Fraker entered into the management of the farm with energy, proved himself apt and ultimately a skillful farmer. He cultivates about 100 acres of the 120 acres, the remaining twenty acres being in timber and pasture, and he has built two large barns, has laid much tile, and in other ways has appreciably improved the property. His farming is of general character, to which the property is well adapted, and he has had good success with cattle and registered Duroc Jersey hogs, raising poultry also somewhat extensively.

Politically Mr. Fraker is independent. He is a Mason, a member of local lodge No. 248, and he is a director and stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Delta. He is widely known throughout that section of Fulton county, and has proved himself to be a man of fine character and strong purpose.

On November 12, 1913, he married Grace Vanaman, who was born in Bartlow Township, Henry county, Ohio, June 8, 1894, the daughter of Chester and Freda (Bundy) Vanaman, who were both natives of Fulton county, and granddaughter of Robert Vanaman, who was of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Fraker are the parents of three children: Herma Jane, who was born on April 8, 1915; Andrew Jackson, who was born on January 4, 1917; and Fred Carlton, born March 1, 1919.

Clarence C. Smith, B. A., prominent in Fulton county educational circles, a well-known school principal, and latterly superintendent of schools of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, is a native of the county, and is giving his most earnest attention to the betterment of public facilities in the county generally, and especially to the elevating of the standard of public education in the county. He has had a good collegiate and academic record, and entered upon his life work well qualified, having graduated from the Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, and Oberlin Business College, Ohio, and attended the Ohio State University at Columbus. He is a member of the Fulton County Board of Examiners of Teachers, and, being still quite a young man, he will, it seems, most probably take even more prominent part in educational matters as the years pass.

He was born on May 14, 1882, the son of Hiram B. and Evelyn (Kyper) Smith, his birthplace being in Swan Creek Township of Fulton county. His father was born in Huron county, Ohio, but his mother was a native of Swan Creek Township, Fulton county, Ohio. The Smith family is of British origin, but the branch to which Professor Smith belongs has been resident in America since colonial days. His grandparents, John and Jane (Barber) Smith,

were both born in New York state, but were early settlers in Huron county, Ohio, coming into Fulton county in 1865, when they settled in Swan Creek Township. His genealogy connects with a Pennsylvania family of English descent, his maternal grandparents being Cyrus and Cynthia (Spaulding) Kyper, both of Pennsylvania birth, the former the son of Africa Kyper, who was born in England, but who in 1835 is of record among the pioneers of Swan Creek Township, he having in that year entered government (wild) land in the vicinity of Swanton, and gaining title to several hundred acres. So that in both maternal and paternal lineage Clarence C. Smith comes of families which are among the early residents of Fulton county. All the grandparents of Professor Smith died in Swan Creek Township, and his parents, Hiram B. and Evelyn (Kyper) Smith, settled in the township soon after marriage, the former farming independently from his parents. Eventually Hiram B. Smith became superintendent of the Fulton county farm, holding that office until his death on June 16, 1914. His widow still resides in the family homestead in Swan Creek Township, in which all of their children were born. The four children of Hiram B. and Evelyn (Kyper) Smith were: Clarence C., regarding whose life in its connection with Fulton county more is written below for this edition of county history; Grace, who married A. E. Lawrence, but is now deceased; Maude, who married E. A. Jones, and now lives with her mother and brother on the home farm; and Fred, who resides with the mother on the home farm.

Clarence C., eldest child of Hiram B. and Evelyn (Kyper) Smith, in his boyhood attended the district school nearest to his home, and later passed through the high school of Delta, after which he enterd the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, eventually graduating. He also attended Oberlin Business College, and was a student at the Ohio State University at Columbus. He early entered the teaching profession, being only seventeen years old when he was first appointed a member of the teaching staff of Swan Creek district school. He was a district school teacher for six years, and for seven years was a teacher in the Delta High School, eventually, on June 1, 1916, becoming the superintendent of schools of Delta, which office he has since held. He has a recognized place among the able educators of the county, and is well-regarded in Delta. He is a member of the Fulton County Board of Examiners of Teachers.

Mr. Smith is of good personal repute, is an earnest church worker and is esteemed as a man of high moral integrity. By religious conviction a Methodist, he has entered earnestly into church work, is a steward of the Delta church of that denomination, and has been a Sunday School teacher for many years. Politically he he is a republican and fraternally is a Mason, of Royal Arch degree, member of Octavius Waters Chapter of Delta.

On December 29, 1907, Clarence C. Smith married Chloe Putnam, who was born in Fulton county, daughter of Israel and Mary (Bratton) Putnam, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Smith in descent is German-Irish, the paternal line being of German antecedents, and her mother having been born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Roscoe, who was born April 21, 1910; and Ross, born May 5, 1911.

Merlin A. Batdorf, a life-long resident in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, well-known among agriculturists of the

county, and well-regarded in his home township, has succeeded well as a farmer, and has shown commendable public spirit, and a consistent earnestness in church work. He has been a trustee of his church for twenty years; has served as school director; and has several times been elected to high office in a fraternal order instituted by agriculturists. And he comes into Fulton County History with particular interest, his grandparent, John Batdorff, having been one of the pioneer settlers in York Township.

Merlin A. Batdorf was born in York Township on September 5, 1874, the son of Aaron Benton and Mary Jane (Minnich) Batdorf, and grandson in the paternal line of John and Elizabeth (Morgan) Batdorf, who were both born in Pennsylvania, but came to York Township, which then was in Lucas county, Ohio, in the early '40s. They entered government land and lived the lives of pioneers, gradually clearing a good acreage and having a comfortable old age. Their son Aaron Benton, father of Merlin A., was born in York Township, and in due course attended the district school, although in those days the school was practically open only for the winter months, the summer vacation extending over most of the growing period of the year. After leaving school he gave his time wholly to his father, and did much pioneering work on the home estate. He married Mary Jane Minnich, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, daughter of David and Hannah (Crawford) Minnich, both born in Marion county, Ohio, but eventually residents in Delta village, York Township, where David Minnich followed his trade, shoemaking. After marriage Aaron B. Batdorf and his wife settled on the farm in York Township upon which they raised their children, living there until 1907, when they moved into the city of Wauseon. In that city Aaron B. Batdorf died on December 21, 1918, his widow; however, still living a quiet comfortable life in that city. They were the parents of six children, who in order of birth were: Jessie, who married John W. Sands, of Toledo, Ohio; Merlin A., of whom further; Cora E., who married Blanchard Miller, but is now deceased; Ethel M., who married Jonas Snyder, of Toledo, Ohio; Frances E., who married Charles Snyder, of Wauseon, Ohio; Nellie A., who married Frank Zeigler, of Toledo, Ohio.

Merlin A. Batdorf attended the York Township district school nearest to his home, and when sixteen years old went to live with his paternal grandparents in York Township, with whom he lived until his twenty-second year, when he married. With that responsibility Merlin A. began to independently farm, and for two years rented properties in the township. In the third year of his married life, however, he acquired a farm of twenty-five acres of cleared land, but without buildings. He erected the necessary buildings, and had good success in his cultivation of the land, so much so that eight years later he purchased an additional twenty-five acres, ten of which were in timber. He has farmed enterprisingly and thoroughly, and his industry has brought him good return. He has followed general farming, to which his acreage was adaptable, and has had good success in stockraising, and dairying.

During his years of busy farming he has not neglected public responsibilities. He has taken close interest in local affairs, and has been ever ready to support personally and financially local movements of civic, social or religious character. He has been especially interested in educational matters, and has devoted some of

his time to the duties of school director. Politically he is a republican, but he has not actively concerned himself in national political campaigns. He has always been sincere in church matters. By religious conviction he is a member of the United Brethren denomination, and has been a trustee of the local church since 1900. Fraternally he has been prominent in the functioning of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, an organization composed mostly of agriculturists. In that organization he has held the office of chief gleaner for several years. In November, 1919, he was elected township trustee.

On July 22, 1896, he married Laura A. Williams, who was born in York Township, daughter of John and Ann (Struble) Williams, well-known residents. Mr. and Mrs. Batdorf raised a large family, having had eight children born to them, only one of whom, their first born, is deceased. Their children in order of birth are: Ralph B., who died in infancy; Walter C., now successfully established in Clinton Township, and married to Mabel Turney; Mildred M., who has taken a business course in the State University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and who is now employed by The Old Line Bankers Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska; Frank H., at home; Lowell E., also at home; Lawrence C.; John Cair; and Marion L.

Edwin B. Perkins has lived in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, for almost sixty-three years. He comes of pioneer residents of Clinton and York Townships, and has given his whole life to useful development and profitable industry in York Township, where he is esteemed as a substantial and industrious resident, and public-spirited and good-hearted neighbor.

Edwin B. Perkins was born in York Township, Fulton county, on March 15, 1857, the son of Evander and Susan (McAllister) Perkins. In the paternal line he comes of an old colonial New England family, and through his mother his genealogy connects with a New York state family. His father was born in Connecticut and his mother in New York state, where they were married, and from which state in 1845 they eventually came into Ohio, and to Clinton Township of Fulton county. Four years later Evander and Susan (McAllister) Perkins moved to York Township, having purchased the farm known as the Steadman Farm, upon which for the next ten years they resided, and upon which their son Edwin B. was born. Evander Perkins died in 1867, but his widow lived a further thirty-three years, her demise not occurring until 1900. They were the parents of five children, namely: Eliza, who is the widow of William Welling, and now lives with her brother Edwin B.; Eunice, who married Solomon Fisher, but is now deceased; Lydia, also deceased; William A., a successful farmer in York Township; and Edwin B.

Edwin B. Perkins was reared in the wholesome environment of the parental farm, and in due course attended the public school of his home district, giving, as he grew, increasing assistance to his father in the operation of the farm. He was ten years old when his father died, and thereafter his part in the operation of the farm became increasingly important. With his elder brother he remained near his widowed mother until he was thirty years old, when he married and set up a separate establishment, residing on the seventy-five acre farm that he in partnership with his brother owned. The farm was to the southward, in section 7 of York Township, and it was his home until 1897, when he sold his interest in it to his brother,

and soon afterwards bought a farm of 104 acres in section 31 of York Township, a good farm, well improved. There he lived and worked for the next twenty-one years, until 1918, when he acquired sixty acres of the farm in section 7 he had formerly occupied and had sold to his brother. He resides there, but his days of strenuous labor are over, and his agricultural property he now rents to a reliable tenant. He has lived an energetic life, has farmed well and enterprisingly, and during his life has manifested commendable personal traits. Consequently he has good place among the leading residents of that section of Fulton county. Politically he is a republican, and during his life has shown close interest in local movements of public character; yet he has never sought public office, contenting himself by contributing by his industry to the progress of the county.

He married on January 1, 1888, Nettie, daughter of Spencer and Anna (Criswell) Fouty, and granddaughter of William Fouty, a pioneer settler in Clinton Township. William Fouty was born in Switzerland, but was an early settler in Ohio. In 1851 he came into Fulton county, having acquired a tract of eighty acres of virgin timber land in Clinton Township. Spencer Fouty, father of Nettie, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and Anna Criswell was born in Wayne county, Ohio. James Criswell, father of Anna, was born in the United States, but was of Irish descent. Nettie Fouty, who married Edwin B. Perkins, is a native of York Township, Fulton county, and received her education in the local school, and during her long life in the community has been interested and active in the church and social affairs of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Perkins are the parents of two children: Walter W., who now manages the home farm; and Vern E., who also has stayed with his parents. Walter W. married Georgie Biddle, daughter of Stillman and Mina (Highshoe) Biddle, of York Township, April 16, 1919.

David William Gorsuch. A traveler through Fulton county is immediately impressed by the fine farms and modern improvements of the rural regions and realizes the value of these investments not only to the individual owners, but the country and world, for from them and similar ones comes a large amount of the food for mankind. The agriculturists of Fulton county are particularly awake to the responsibilities and dignity of their calling, and are living up to the best conceptions of it. One of these men who is typical of his associates is David William Gorsuch of York Township.

David William Gorsuch was born in Clinton Township of this county on September 13, 1868, a son of Ephraim and Maria (Cantleberry) Gorsuch, he born at Centerville, Wayne county, Ohio, and she in Holmes county, Ohio. The grandparents were Nathan and Elizabeth (Ayers) Gorsuch, he born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and she a native of Ohio, and David and Eliza (Davenport) Cantleberry, natives of Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandparents located in Clinton Township, Fulton county, in 1846, the maternal grandparents arriving in Fulton county in 1844. At that time practically all of the county was in the timber, and Wauseon was not then even thought of, and David Cantleberry had his choice of the location of the eighty acres of land he entered

from the government, all of which was covered with timber. On this farm the eastern outskirts of Wauseon now stand. Nathan Gorsuch had nearly as good a choice when he arrived two years later, and he entered 160 acres of government land. All of the grandparents died in Fulton county.

Following their marriage Ephraim Gorsuch and his wife settled 3½ miles west of Wauseon on 100 acres of land he owned. In addition to it he had other property, namely, 280 acres in Clinton Township and 100 acres in Pike Township. Later on in life he turned these farms over to his sons and bought a five-acre tract two miles west of Wauseon, and he died June 1, 1918, closely following his wife, who passed away on April 7 of that same year. Their children were as follows: Edward, who lives in Clinton Township; Nathan, who lives at Toledo, Ohio; David William, who was third in order of birth; and Frank, who is on his parents' old homestead.

Growing up on his father's farm and learning to operate it, David William Gorsuch attended the local schools and the Wauseon Normal School, and for three winter seasons taught the country schools of Clinton Township and for one those of York Township. On November 25, 1897, he was married to Ida M. Bryant, born in Lenawee county, Michigan, a daughter of John and Sophronia (Vedder) Bryant, the father born in New York state and the mother born in Lenawee county, Michigan. For five years after his marriage Mr. Gorsuch lived on a farm of eighty acres his father owned in Clinton Township, and in the spring of 1903 he and his wife bought 160 acres in York Township, which has since been their home. On it he has erected a fine modern residence. The house is supplied with hot water heat, electric light, and a full water system gives plenty of hot and cold water on both floors. In addition to erecting his house Mr. Gorsuch rebuilt his barns, and has everything in fine order. Here he carries on general farming and dairying, his herd being composed of twelve cows of the Holstein strain. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have three children, namely: Louella, Howard and Isabelle, all of whom are at home. They are consistent members of the Christian Church, and take an active part in its good work. Well known as a Mason, he belongs to Wauseon Lodge No. 349, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Gorsuch has worked steadily and hard, and invested his savings wisely, and he and his wife are now enjoying many comforts. Their beautiful rural home compares very favorably with those in adjoining cities, and they have the further advantages of urban life. As a citizen Mr. Gorsuch is held in high esteem, and both he and Mrs. Gorsuch have many warm personal friends in their neighborhood.

William Bartlett. The man who invests in farm land and devotes his energies to improving and cultivating his property not only is an excellent business man but a good citizen, for no community can make progress unless its residents are willing to lend a hand and through their individual efforts raise the standard of living. Such a man is William Bartlett of York Township, whose well cultivated farm, with its good improvements, is one of the best in Fulton county.

William Bartlett was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 10, 1855, a son of Jacob and Martha (Bates) Bartlett, natives of Ohio, he born in Wayne county, and she in Holmes county, re-

spectively. Jacob Bartlett was a veteran of the great rebellion, having enlisted April 22, 1861, for 100 days' service. He re-enlisted and received his commission as second lieutenant from Governor Tod on December 1, 1861, for Company E, Sixty-eighth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, receiving his discharge from same February 14, 1863. He once more enlisted and on July 4, 1863, received his commission as captain of Company E, First Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry in Fulton county. As such he served until the close of the war.

The parents were married in Holmes county, Ohio, and lived there until 1856, when they came to Fulton county and bought fifty-three acres of timberland in what is now York Township, which they soon thereafter traded for 160 acres of partly improved land in the same township. Here he died June 29, 1906, his wife having died on October 30, 1901. Their children were as follows: Sarah, who is Mrs. G. A. Hendricks, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Elizabeth, who died at the age of two years; Jennie, who was Mrs. A. E. Dunham, of Toledo, Ohio, died January 16, 1917; William, whose name heads this biography; Millicent and Ada, both of whom are deceased; and George M., who lives in Arizona, and who was one of the Rough Riders with Roosevelt in Cuba and was also a body guard of General Funston in the Philippine Isles.

William Bartlett has always lived on his present farm since his parents located on it, and he acquired his education in the schools of the district. He bought the old homestead of 160 acres, and has all but ten acres under cultivation, it being devoted to timber. After becoming the owner of the farm Mr. Bartlett began replacing the old buildings with new ones, and in the spring of 1917 rebuilt and remodeled the house into one of the most convenient and modern ones on this section. He installed heat, hot and cold water, bathroom and toilet and artificial lights, so that it compares favorably with homes in adjoining cities. In addition he has tiled the farm, put up new fences, and in fact made all the improvements necessary to put it in first-class condition and increase its producing power. Mr. Bartlett has always carried on general farming, and now has a dairy and manufactures butter and other milk products.

In October, 1877, Mr. Bartlett was married to Maria Shreves, of Fulton county, Ohio, a daughter of C. R. and Thankful (Stone) Shreves, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett became the parents of the following children: Minnie, who is Mrs. William Robinson, of York Township; and Lottie, Jay, Florence, Burr, Celia and Laura, all of whom are at home.

The Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church holds Mr. Bartlett's membership, and he has served it as a trustee for some years. He is a republican and has been road supervisor. A Mason, he belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, all of Wauseon. Mr. Bartlett's success in life has not come to him through any extraordinary processes but is the natural outcome of steady, intelligent and practical efforts. He has always endeavored to keep abreast of inventions and discoveries of new methods in his work, and has never felt that he was through with his improvements. His experiments are watched with interest by his neighbors, for they realize that he knows what he is doing and that if he decides anything is worth while they had better follow his example if they want to keep up with his production. Both as an official and a private citizen he has been a friend

of good roads, for he recognizes their value to the individual farmer and the neighborhood. In fact William Bartlett is a man who measures up to the best standards of American manhood, and Fulton county may well be proud of him.

HERMAN EDWARD STRONG. Occupying the farm formerly owned by his father in Pike Township, Herman Edward Strong has developed into one of the prosperous and representative men of Fulton county, of which he is a native son. His birth occurred in Fulton Township on May 9, 1866, and he a son of Hiram and Sophia Ann (Johnson) Strong. Hiram Strong was born in the vicinity of Syracuse, New York, and his wife in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and they were married in Michigan, following which they located in Fulton county, Ohio, first owning a farm in Fulton Township, known as Dutch Ridge. From there in 1872 they moved to another farm owned by him, located in Pike Township, and there he erected a sawmill. After two years he sold that farm and bought one in Swan Creek Township, but subsequently sold it and returned to Pike Township and bought another farm, which he conducted until 1885, and then moved to Delta and for 2½ years owned an interest in a grocery, but disposed of it and bought a farm of sixty-five acres in Pike Township, on which he died in 1890. His widow survived him until 1910, when she passed away. She was a widow, Mrs. Draker, when she married Mr. Strong, and had three children by her first husband, namely: Jeanette, who died at the age of three years; Adelia, who was Mrs. Uriah Fuller, of Detroit, Michigan; and Arake, who is Mrs. Israel Salsbury, of Pike Township. Mr. and Mrs. Strong became the parents of the following children: Elisha, who is deceased; Volney, who lives in Michigan; Amos, who is a resident of Zurich, Montana; Angeline, who is Mrs. A. P. Ross, of Fayette, Ohio; Herman Edward, whose name heads this review; Nathan Wesley, who lives at Moorcroft, Wyoming; and Alonzo, who died in infancy.

Herman Edward Strong grew up in Fulton county and attended its country schools, while at the same time he was acquiring a working knowledge of farming under his father's supervision. When he was seventeen years old he went to Iona county, Michigan, and worked as a farm hand for one year, and as his parents during that time had moved to Delta, he went to Benton Harbor, Michigan, instead of returning home, and was engaged in working at various jobs for two years. He then came back to Fulton county for a time, when he returned to Michigan. In 1897 he went to Toledo, Ohio, and for three years worked at painting and paper-hanging for various concerns of that city, at the expiration of that period coming back once more to Fulton county and working on the home place in Pike Township. After his mother's death he bought out the other heirs to the homestead of sixty-five acres of partly improved land. Since then he has rebuilt all the buildings and put up some new ones, ditched the place, erected a silo, and otherwise improved it, having now a very valuable property, on which he carries on general farming. At times he works at his trade, generally to accommodate one of his neighbors, all of whom appreciate the excellence of his work.

On September 24, 1910, Mr. Strong was united in marriage with Susie Enfield, born in Fulton Township, a daughter of Jacob and

Malinda (Luke) Enfield, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. Politically Mr. Strong is a republican, and served as road supervisor for two years, and during that period did some excellent work in behalf of securing good roads for his section, and since then has supported the "good roads" movement, for he realizes what a necessity they are in order to keep a community abreast of modern development. Good roads more than pay for the initial expense through the amount of business brought in over them since the almost universal use of the automobile. Those communities which have the misfortune to be off the improved highways cannot hope to compete with the ones which have a constant stream of tourists passing through them daily. Mr. Strong is one of the men who has traveled considerably and been broadened through a varied experience, and so he appreciates the value of improvements of all kind, both private and public, and is in favor of them, and of raising the general standard of the neighborhood through the education of the masses.

Oscar S. Geer. A number of the enterprising farmers of Fulton county have found it profitable to engage in dairying, this region being admirably adapted to the production of milk, and one of these men so engaged is Oscar S. Geer of Pike Township. He was born in Clinton Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on June 29, 1872, a son of Milo and Rebecca (Parker) Geer, natives of Fulton county, Ohio, and Newark, New Jersey, respectively. The Geer family was founded in Fulton county by the grandparents of Oscar S. Geer at a very early day.

Both Milo Geer and his wife were reared in Fulton county, and after their marriage they located in Clinton Township, which continued to be their home until 1884, when they moved to Pike Township, where he bought a farm and conducted it. When he retired in 1886 he moved to Delta, and there he died in 1899, his widow surviving him until 1911. Their children were as follows: Lutissa, who died in childhood; Lucy, who is Mrs. E. L. Smith, of Delta, Ohio; Perry, who is a resident of Delta; Elsie, who is Mrs. S. P. Dennis, of Pike Township; Edward, who died in infancy; Oscar S., whose name heads this review; Harvey, who is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Minnie, who is Mrs. Dell Rieghard, of Delta, Ohio; and Samuel, who died in infancy.

Oscar S. Geer was reared in Fulton county and attended the country schools. His wise father taught him to be a farmer, and from childhood he was occupied with work on the homestead, so that when he started out in life for himself he was prepared to do so intelligently and achieve an ultimate success. For five years subsequent to his marriage he had charge of his father's homestead, and then for six years operated rented land in Fulton Township. He then bought eighty acres of land in Pike Township that was unimproved, although partially cleared. He has kept sixteen acres of the woodland, but the remainder of the farm is under cultivation, and all of the modern improvements on the property have been put in by him. The house, barn and other buildings are thoroughly modern, the land is all tiled, and the fences are well kept up, the entire place showing that much care and thought have been expended upon it. Mr. Geer has always been occupied with general farming and dairying, and now has a fine herd of ten cows.

On March 19, 1896, Mr. Geer was united in marriage with Orrie Watkins, born in Fulton Township on December 13, 1875, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Bundy) Watkins, of Fulton Township. Mrs. Geer's grandparents were Wesley and Catherine (Fesler) Watkins, and Eli and Mary (Wilbur) Bundy. Mr. and Mrs. Geer became the parents of the following children: Ethel, who is Mrs. George Hines, of Pike Township; and Ralph, Ross and Ruby, all of whom are at home. Mr. Geer is a strong republican, and has been a member of the School Board of his district since 1917. In his fraternal affiliations he maintains membership with Delta Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. An excellent farmer and sound business man, Mr. Geer deserves the prosperity he now enjoys, as well as the esteem of his neighbors, which he also possesses.

Herbert E. McQuillin. After a life devoted to general farming and stockraising, Herbert E. McQuillin has developed into one of the prosperous men of Fulton county, and owner of forty acres of his father's homestead in Pike Township. His finely improved farm speaks for the ability and foresightedness of the owner, and his public acts show that he is one of the enterprising citizens of his section. Herbert E. McQuillin was born in Pike Township, Fulton county, on October 1, 1866, a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Dunbar) McQuillin, natives of Pennsylvania and Fulton county, Ohio, respectively, and grandson of David and Rachel McQuillin, who came from Pennsylvania to Fulton county at an early day.

After their marriage John W. McQuillin and his wife settled on a farm of 120 acres in Pike Township, which was covered with timber, and he cleared off many acres of it by his own efforts and improved his property, on which he lived until 1903, when he moved to Delta, Ohio, and there she died on January 18, 1911, he surviving her until April 14 of that same year, when he, too, passed away. They were most excellent people in every respect and held the confidence and respect of their neighbors. Their children were as follows: William and James, both of whom live at Delta, Ohio; John, who lives at Wauseon, Ohio; Herbert E., whose name heads this sketch; Eva, who is Mrs. Newton Ward, of Fayette, Ohio; and Frank, who occupies a portion of his father's homestead.

For a time following his marriage, which occurred in 1892, Mr. McQuillin rented the Rupp farm in York Township, and then bought sixty-one acres in Pike Township. The greater part of this property was then covered with timber, and the only house was a small one that he has replaced with a nice modern frame one. Mr. McQuillin has also rebuilt the barn, put up fences and other buildings, and now has his place in splendid condition. He cleared off the land and grubbed out the stumps of that portion of it he desired to put under cultivation. The land is fitted for a diversity of crops and stockraising, and he is engaged in both lines, having always found them profitable.

On November 23, 1892, Mr. McQuillin was united in marriage with Alice Rupp, born in Hancock county, Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Gassman) Rupp, also natives of Hancock county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McQuillin became the parents of the following children: Walter, who lives in Pike Township, married Effie Miller, and they have one son, Herbert; Bert and Mary, who

are both at home; Clarence, who lives at Toledo, Ohio; and Roy, Howard and Glenn, all of whom are at home.

Mr. McQuillin is a friend of the public schools, all of his educational training having been obtained from them, but when they were in a far less satisfactory condition than today, and in order to secure for his own children and those of the neighborhood better educational facilities he has given his services to the School Board for a period of nine years. In politics he is a stalwart republican, and one of the leaders of his party locally. In 1915 he was appointed one of the township trustees to fill a vacancy, and so efficient did he prove that in December, 1915, he was elected to that office, and filled it with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. For some years he has been a faithful member of the United Brethren Church, and donates generously toward its support. The watchword of Mr. McQuillin has been hard work. He does not believe there is any royal road to honest success. Prosperity in his estimation only lies at the end of the road of honorable endeavor, which must be trod, even though the way be steep and the going hard, in order to reach the ultimate goal. His own experiences has taught him this, and he is proud of the fact that he has earned all he now possesses through his own efforts, which he has endeavored to direct in an intelligent manner.

James H. Disbrow. The Disbrow name belongs to the early history of Fulton county, although James H. Disbrow, who lives in Pike Township, is still a young man. He was born in Pike Township October 29, 1874, and is a son of Lewis K. and Alice (Thornton) Disbrow. The Thornton side of the family came from New York. George and Jane (Corry) Thornton came to Fulton county early in its history. When Lewis Disbrow married he settled in Pike, and continued his home there until 1878, when his death occurred. The widow married Giles McArthur, deceased, and two sons were born: Elmer, of Pike, and Frank, of Ottokee.

On May 3, 1911, James H. Disbrow married Hazel Aulman, of York Township. She is a daughter of Clark and Evelyn (Sheffield) Aulman, the father of York and the mother of Swan Creek. The grandparents, Samuel and Martha (Misson) Aulman, were born in England. William and Mary (Guthrie) Sheffield were also early settlers in Fulton county. They were all of them farmers in their days of activity.

Since 1900 Mr. Disbrow has lived as tenant and later as owner of the present home place in Pike Township, buying part of the land in 1908 and the rest of it later. He rebuilt the house and added the necessary barns and stables. Nearly all the land is under cultivation, and Mr. Disbrow operates a Holstein farm dairy. There is one daughter, Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Disbrow attended Delta High School, and for four years she was a teacher in common schools. In politics he is a republican. They are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

Erwin M. Tappan. Both as a farmer and public official Erwin M. Tappan measures up as a man of sound principles and efficient methods, and it would be difficult to find one more universally popular in either Pike Township, where his farm is located, or Fulton county, of which he is a native son. He was born in Pike Town-

ship on February 3, 1879, a son of Herman M. and Harriet A. (Wood) Tappan, and grandson of Moses and Hettie (Miller) Tappan, natives of New Jersey, who located at Toledo, Ohio, in 1836, and William H. and Laura N. (Fuller) Wood, who came to Fulton county, Ohio, from Medina county, Ohio.

Herman M. Tappan was born in Pike Township, Fulton county, on July 15, 1848, and his wife was born in Medina county, Ohio, on February 15, 1849. After their marriage Herman Tappan and his wife settled on his father's old homestead in Pike Township, and there he died in 1914, she surviving him until 1917. Their children were as follows: Walter A., who is a resident of Pike Township; and Erwin M., who is the younger.

Growing up in Pike Township, Erwin M. Tappan became a pupil of its public schools, and while gaining an educational training he learned to be a farmer through practical work on the homestead. On November 25, 1900, he was married to Bernice Sindel, born in Pike Township, a daughter of John M. and Elizabeth E. (Elliott) Sindel. After his marriage Mr. Tappan lived with his parents for four years, and then took possession of eighty acres of the homestead, on which he erected a comfortable residence, barns and other outbuildings, and began farming on his own account. His property is now in fine condition, and in addition to it he owns eighty acres in section 34, his homestead being in section 10. Ever since he began farming he has raised diversified crops and stock, and carried on dairying, and each year has seen a substantial increase in his profits.

Mr. and Mrs. Tappan have two children, namely: John H., who was born on January 23, 1905; and Mary E., who was born on March 9, 1909. In the Christian Church Mr. Tappan finds the expression of his religious creed, and he has long been a member of the local congregation, and is now one of its deacons. In 1912 Mr. Tappan was appointed a township trustee, and has served in that capacity continuously ever since. In politics he is a republican, and is looked upon as somewhat of a leader in his party. Believing in the work of the Grange, he has taken an active part in it, and still belongs to the one in his neighborhood. Few men are held in higher regard than he, and he is justly recognized as an excellent type of the modern agriculturist.

Albert Kutzli. The farm of Albert Kutzli in Pike Township is one of the well improved rural properties of Fulton county, and the entire premises show the care of an efficient farmer and good business man. Albert Kutzli was born in Ridgeville Township, Henry county, Ohio, on April 16, 1871, a son of Blessy and Susan (Spiess) Kutzli, natives of Switzerland, and grandson of Henry Spiess. Both the Kutzli and Spiess families located in Fulton county, Ohio, three generations ago, and their representatives were among the early settlers on wild land in this region.

Blessy Kutzli and his wife moved to Henry county, Ohio, after their marriage, and she died there on July 2, 1908, but he survives, an aged man, having been born in January, 1838, and still makes his home in Henry county. Children were born to them as follows: Mary, who is deceased; Conrad, who lives at Archbold, Ohio; Henry, who lives in Dover Township; Barnet, who resides at Archbold, Ohio; Susan, who is Mrs. Adam Mohr, of Ridgeville

Township, Henry county, Ohio; Blessy, who is a resident of Clinton Township; Caroline, who was Mrs. Albert Buhrer, is now deceased; Albert, whose name heads this review; Manno, who is a resident of Dover Township; Rudolph, who lives at Morenci, Michigan; Emil, who is deceased; and Ida, who is Mrs. Archie Feltzer, of Pike Township.

Albert Kutzli was reared in Henry county and attended its district schools. When he was nineteen years old he began working by the month for farmers with a threshing outfit and in sawmills, and continued this line of work for six years. He was then married, on March 18, 1897, to Virginia Buhrer, born in Williams county, Ohio, a daughter of Andrew and Adeline (Gashie) Buhrer, natives of Switzerland and Clinton Township, Fulton county, Ohio, respectively. On April 9, 1901, Mr. Kutzli bought seventy-eight acres of land in section 6, Pike Township. At that time there were no fences on this farm, it needed tiling and buildings, so he had a lot of work before him when he moved on this property. Now he has the place cleared and under cultivation with the exception of ten acres he is keeping in timber. The necessary fences have been put up and are maintained in good order, and the whole farm is well tiled. Not only is his residence a comfortable and modern one, but his barns and other buildings are equally good, and he has one of the best farms in this part of the county. Here he is carrying on general farming, stockraising and dairying, and is successful in all his undertakings, for he is an experienced farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kutzli became the parents of the following children: Theron, Luetta, Rosella, Ruth, Fernando, Agnes and Florence, all of whom are at home. The children, Orpha, Caroline, and Dorothy died in infancy. Mr. Kutzli is a member of the Reformed Church of Archbold, Ohio. In his political convictions he is a democrat, but aside from casting his vote for the candidates of his party he has not taken much part in public matters, being too much occupied with his farming.

Ernest Christopher Lane. The Oakland Farm is one of the best improved rural properties in Pike Township and has been brought to its present state of development through the intelligent efforts of its owner, Ernest Christopher Lane, whose methods are so progressive as to cause them to be adopted by a number of his fellow citizens. Mr. Lane was born in Clinton Township, this county, September 8, 1879, a son of William and Lydia (Lozer) Lane, natives of Muskingum county, Ohio, and Clinton county, Ohio, respectively, and grandson of Harrison and Harriet (Gorsuch) Lane, early settlers of Clinton Township, and Stephen Lozer, who also came to Clinton Township at an early day.

William Lane owned a large tract of land in Clinton Township, three miles west of Wauseon, Ohio, and on it he and his wife were engaged in farming activities for many years. Her death occurred in February, 1914, but he survived her until January, 1919. Their children were as follows: Ernest Christopher, whose name heads this review; Fred, who is a resident of Texas; Jesse, who is a resident of Zanesville, Ohio; Edward, who is a resident of Amboy Township, Fulton county; and Grace, who is Mrs. Roy Parish, and lives at Delta.

After completing his courses in the district schools, Ernest C.

Lane was given the advantage of a year's attendance at the Wauseon High School, but then, at the age of eighteen years, he decided to become self-supporting, so he left school and began working out by the month among the neighboring farmers, continuing this mode of operation for nine years. He then rented land for another nine years, all the time saving his money, and as soon as he had acquired a sufficient amount he bought forty acres of land in York Township. One year later he rented eighty acres in section 12, Pike Township, from his father, and he later inherited it from his father's estate. Of this eighty acres Mr. Lane has sixty-five under the plow, and the remainder is in timber. He has put in all his improvements and here he is carrying on general farming. The farm takes its name from the beautiful oak trees which Mr. Lane has taken such pains to preserve.

On September 16, 1903, Mr. Lane was united in marriage with Lois Greeley, born in Franklin Township, Fulton county, Ohio, a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Wickey) Greeley, natives of German Township, Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Lane became the parents of one son, Earle, who was born on April 9, 1908. The creed of the Disciple Church affords Mr. Lane adequate expression for his religious views, and he is one of the earnest members of the local congregation. Being in perfect sympathy with the work of the Gleaners, Mr. Lane belongs to the Pike branch of this organization, and is active in it. Since casting his first vote Mr. Lane has been a strong republican and is proud of the record of his party. In all of his operations Mr. Lane has exercised good common sense, and his present prosperity proves that he was wise to follow the methods he did in the conduct of his business affairs.

John G. Rorabeck, one of the substantial men of Fulton county, is now living in Pike Township after a somewhat varied career in commercial circles. He was born in New York state on November 30, 1841, a son of George T. and Tabatha (Rorabeck) Rorabeck, cousins, who were born at Bridgeport, Connecticut, where they were married, going from there to the State of New York. A carpenter and builder, George T. Rorabeck went in 1851 to Prince Edward county, Ontario, Canada, near Picton, and there continued in business until his death at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died three months before him, at the age of eighty-six years. Their children were as follows: Thomas, who is a resident of Osseo, Wisconsin; Julia, who is Mrs. Byron McDonald, and lives at Allendale, Ontario, Canada; Emma, who is Mrs. Francis McDonald, of Comber, Ontario, Canada; John G., whose name heads this review; Dorcas Ann, who is deceased; Reuben, who lives at North Bay, Ontario, Canada; Edward, who is deceased; and Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Charles Mitchell, of Midland, Ontario, Canada.

When he was sixteen years old John G. Rorabeck began learning the trade of a carpenter and joiner from his father, and completed it by the time he attained his majority. He then went to Rochester, New York, where he worked at his trade for two years. Returning to Canada, he was engaged in carpentering for nine months in the west. He then returned home for a visit, and the following spring found employment at Kent, Ohio, with the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company in car construction, and continued with that concern for eight years. Leaving that com-

pany, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and for fourteen years was with the bridge and car works of that city, rising to the office of assistant foreman, and he also spent several years working at the tinner's trade. His next employment was at Ashtabula, Ohio, where for two years he worked in a tinshop. Mr. Rorabeck then changed the nature of his work and was a clerk in a shoe store of that city for a year. Returning to Cleveland, Ohio, he worked for a year in a sash and blind factory, becoming foreman for the Knowlton Valley Railroad Company after leaving the factory, and holding that position for two years. Mr. Rorabeck then spent one year in a pattern shop of Cleveland, and was then called to Toledo, Ohio, to take charge of the estate of his father-in-law, and for the subsequent eighteen months was occupied in settling it up. He then came to Delta, Ohio, and bought the tinshop of that place, conducting it for seven years. He then bought a half interest in the butcher shop of Mr. Geer at Delta, but sold it in 1898, and became superintendent of building construction at the state prison at Columbus, Ohio. Two years later he returned to Delta and clerked in various stores for eighteen months, when he bought a half interest in the drug store of Edward Pratt. Two years later they sold the store and Mr. Rorabeck continued to clerk in various establishments until July 5, 1916, when he moved to the ten-acre farm of his wife in Pike Township. She also has a life lease on sixty-five acres in Pike Township, and Mr. Rorabeck is now engaged in keeping up the improvements on the property.

John G. Rorabeck was married at Jefferson, Ohio, in October, 1870, to Augusta Tolcott, and they had two children, namely: Winifred, who is Mrs. Frank Cately, of Delta, Ohio; and Mabel, who died at the age of three years. In 1883 Mr. Rorabeck was married to Eva T. Clark, a daughter of Ira L. Clark, one of the first conductors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. She was the widow of Charles Mason,, by whom she had five children, two of whom survive, namely: Carrie Brigham, of Portland, Oregon; and Maude. The second Mrs. Rorabeck died on April 8, 1914. On July 5, 1916, Mr. Rorabeck was married to Mrs. Ellen (Niel) Taylor, born in Cass county, Georgia, a daughter of James and Carrie (Champlin) Niel. Ellen Niel was first married to Grifford Cassin, and she and her husband lived with Mrs. Niel until the outbreak of the war between the states, when she, her husband and two little sons went to the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky, where he was later killed, leaving her without resources. She returned to Ohio and in order to support herself worked in the household of different families. Owing to her lack of money she was forced to turn her children over to others. In 1867 she came to Fulton county, Ohio, and in 1870 was married second to J. S. Taylor, who owned a farm, which he deeded to her. Mr. Taylor died in December, 1903. Her two children by her first marriage were as follows: Samuel, who lives at Delta, Ohio; and Benjamin, who lives at Elery, Ohio. Mrs. Rorabeck belongs to the United Brethren Church, and is active in its work. While residing at Delta, Ohio, Mr. Rorabeck served as a member of the City Council one term, and on the Cemetery Board for two years, being elected on the republican ticket. He belongs to Fulton Lodge No. 248, of Delta; Octavius Waters Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, which he has served as high priest, and Wauseon Council, Royal and Selected Masters. During

the many years Mr. Rorabeck has lived in Fulton county he has become known as one of the dependable citizens of this locality, and one worthy of the highest esteem. He and Mrs. Rorabeck have many warm personal friends, who are always made welcome at their pleasant rural home, and an open-handed hospitality is shown by these two estimable people, who after the strenuous years of earlier life are now enjoying the comforts to which they are most certainly entitled.

JOHN H. MILLER. The study of the life of the representative American never fails to offer much of pleasing interest and valuable instruction, developing a mastering of expedients which has brought about satisfactory results. John H. Miller, the well-known president of the Peoples State Bank of Archbold, is a worthy representative of that type of American character and of that progressive spirit which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. He has long been prominently identified with the farming and business interests of Fulton county, and is numbered among the progressive and public-spirited citizens of the community.

John H. Miller was born on his father's farm in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on December 29, 1859, and is the son of John and Catherine (Knapp) Miller. He is descended from sterling old Swiss stock, and the family was established at Tedrow, Ohio, whence they moved to German Township, this county, when the subject's father was about eighteen years of age. Here they established their home in the midst of the forest which covered that section of the country, their first labors being directed toward clearing the land and fitting it for cultivation. John H. Miller is the first son in order of birth of the eight children born to his parents. He received his elementary education in the common schools of German Township during the winter terms, his summers being spent in assisting his father on the home farm, where he remained until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time he was married. At that time he bought his first land, consisting of eighty-five acres, to the operation of which he devoted himself during the following eighteen years. This farm, which is located in Richville Township, Henry county, he still owns. His next purchase was 128 acres of land near Archbold, this county, on which he made his home up to June, 1920, having bought a fine home in the town of Archbold in that year and is now living in town. Mr. Miller also owns twenty-five acres of land in Richville Township, Henry county, besides his other holdings there, and Mrs. Miller is the owner of 100 acres in Springfield Township, Williams county, Ohio. In 1908 Mr. Miller was elected vice president of the People's State Bank of Archbold, of which he was a stockholder and director, and subsequently he was chosen president of the institution, which is one of the strong and influential banks of Fulton county, much of the popularity of the bank being due to the sound business management and personal qualities of its president.

On October 1, 1881, Mr. Miller was married to Susan Luty, the daughter of Peter and Martrit Luty, and to this union have been born the following children: May V., who has been a teacher for many years; Carietta, who is the wife of E. C. Sieler, a dentist of Chicago, Illinois, and they have one child, Lucile; Blanche and

Sylvan L. are at home. All of the children have been teachers.

In political affairs Mr. Miller is independent of party ties, reserving to himself the right to vote for the men he considers best qualified for office. His religious affiliations are with the German Reformed Church. He is essenially a man among men, moving as one who commands respect by innate force as well as by his superior ability. As a citizen he ranks among the leaders of his community in all efforts to advance and conserve the general welfare, and he enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and regard of all who know him.

ALBERT WANNER, who is now one of the leading agriculturists of Clinton Township, Fulton county, Ohio, owner and successful farmer of an extensive acreage in Clinton and Dover Townships, comes of one of the pioneer families of Franklin Township, in which he was born in 1876.

He is the son of Jacob and Mary (Pfound) Wanner, and grandson of Andrew Wanner, who appears in the early records of Franklin Township. Andrew Wanner was born in Schaueffhausen Canton, Switzerland, and came to America with his wife and family of five children. They came into Ohio, and drove to Franklin Township, Fulton county, where Andrew Wanner gained title to eighty acres of wild land which he gradually cleared with the aid of his sons. He prospered well, and before he died was the owner of 160 acres of good land, the majority of which had been cleared. In Franklin Township, and upon this farm, Jacob Wanner, son of Andrew and father of Albert, lived for the greater part of his life, and at his death the extensive Franklin Township estate was divided among his children. Jacob Wanner died in 1914, and of the seven children, four sons and three daughters, born to him and to his wife, Mary Pfound, Albert is the oldest, but he seems to have made his own way. The Franklin Township estate of Jacob Wanner is occupied by his younger brother, Frank, who was born in 1889, and married Effie Gusman in 1914. Frank has eighty acres, and the other eighty acres belong to their two unmarried sisters, Anna and Ida.

Albert was raised in the wholesome environment of the home farm, and until he was seventeen years old attended the country school during the winter and spring, and in the summer vacations gave sturdy assistance to his father in the operation of the large acreage belonging to the family. As a matter of fact he had been doing minor tasks on the home farm long before he left school, and when eventually he took wholly to farming he was almost completely efficient in the ordinary operation of a farm. He stayed with his father and worked steadily on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he married, and took upon himself the responsibilities of an independent farmer. Soon after he had married he bought a farm of forty acres, which small acreage he tilled so well that it was more than ample to meet the requirements of his family; in fact, as the years passed and he accumulated some substance, he was able to take on additional acreage, until he has today 200 acres in Clinton Township and forty acres in Dover Township, all good land. He is a man esteemed by those who know him for his sturdy industry and steady life, his characteristics being those of the strong-purposed pioneers. A successful farmer is so in-

variably because of his readiness to take upon himself the laborious burdens that come up for execution in the general course of farming; and it may truthfully be said of Albert Wanner that he never shirked such labors. Whatever has been necessary to carry through the operation to the successful harvest, he has always taken the task upon himself when hired help has not been available. So he has succeeded, and so he has been able to raise a well-nourished and healthy family of nine children, a worthy record. Not only in the raising of a large family has Albert Wanner been a helpful American citizen, for during the recent war he was one of the patriotic citizens who made it possible for the various loan issues to reach their expected quota in his district.

Politically he is independent; indeed, he is a man of much discrimination in political matters, not following any party without thought to the present platform of that party. In his voting he is more disposed to be influenced by the reputation and convictions of the candidate than by the party. And in local affairs and in all projects that have bearing upon the prosperity of his own community he has always shown a close interest, although he has never sought office in the civic administration.

He is still in the prime of life, being only forty-four years old, yet he has been married for twenty-three years, as it was in 1897 that he married Amanda, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Ricker) Ruger. Their nine children have all been reared in the county, and the elder children are, or will soon be, entering upon manful and useful careers.

Charles E. Reed. In the early days farming was carried on in a much different manner from what it is today. Then a man was content to earn his living from his land, and whenever the opportunity offered made his escape from the rural regions. Now the man fortunate enough to own a farm is one of the most independent of business men, and he carries on his transactions systematically and profitably. His land, buildings, stock and machinery are a well-balanced organization, and with them he is able to produce foodstuffs which he markets to the world. One of the most progressive of the representative agriculturists of Fulton county is Charles E. Reed of York Township, whose farming plant is one of the best equipped in this region.

Charles E. Reed was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1852, a son of Henry and Christie Ann (Burger) Reed, also natives of Franklin county. They spent their lives there, and there they died and are buried. Growing up on his father's farm, Charles E. Reed learned the fundamentals of agricultural life from his father while he was acquiring a common school education in the rural schools.

In 1882 he was united in marriage with Anna Krome, a native of Pennsylvania, and for about two years lived on a farm in Pennsylvania, but in 1884 moved to Fulton county, Ohio, and for a year was in the employ of D. K. Shoop of York Township. Mr. Reed then bought eighty acres of land in section 30, York Township, for which he paid fifty dollars an acre. There were some old buildings on the farm, but Mr. Reed has replaced them with thoroughly modern ones, has tiled and fenced the place and made other improvements, so that it is now one of the fine rural properties of the town-

C. J. Brindley

Eva A. Bradley

ship. Here he carried on general farming until 1914, when he rented his farm and moved to Wauseon. A year later he returned to the farm.

The first Mrs. Reed died in 1890, leaving no issue. On November 19, 1893, Mr. Reed was married to Katherine Rupp, born near Fostoria, Hancock county, Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Gassman) Rupp, natives of Germany. There are no children of this marriage. Mr. Reed is a democrat, but has no political record, as he has not cared to hold office.

CHARLES JACOB BRINDLEY. There is German and Swiss in the blood of Charles Jacob Brindley of Swanton. While he was American born—November 11, 1851, his father, John William Brindley was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. His mother, Minnie (Schochley) Brindley, was born at Elk, Switzerland. They were married at Maumee, and their son Charles J. Brindley was born in Spencer Township, Lucas county.

In 1889 the Brindley family moved to Swanton. The father was born in Germany, February 18, 1825, and died in Swanton, June 17, 1909. The mother was born in Switzerland, February 3, 1828. and died in Swanton, April 26, 1897. They had five children: Charles J.; Sophie, wife of Edward Dilgart, of Lucas county; Sebastian, who met an accidental death in 1919; William and Nettie, both deceased.

C. J. Brindley lived with his parents on their Lucas county farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he went to work in a grocery store in Toledo. Two years later he located in Swanton. He started a general merchandise business, and continued it eleven years. At that time he sold his interest to his partner, William Geyser, and he engaged for a time in the butcher business in Swanton. His next business venture was a livery barn, and six months later he sold it and engaged in the hardware and implement business. Eleven years later Mr. Brindley sold this business and went onto a farm in Lucas county.

After one season on the farm Mr. Brindley opened a furniture and undertaking business in Swanton, August 15, 1898, it being the only business of the kind in the community. He purchased the business of Robert Fenton. It had been established in 1874, and is the oldest business establishment now in Swanton. Mr. Brindley carries a full stock in both branches of the business—an up-to-date furniture store in Swanton.

On May 6, 1875, Mr. Brindley married Eva A. Kaley, who lived in Swanton Township, Lucas county. She is a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Stair) Kaley. They were a Pennsylvania family who had come early to Lucas county. They came in 1840—at a time when the pioneers knew the meaning of the word privations. The children are: Charles Edward, associated with his father in business in Swanton, married Myrtle Haynes, and they have one daughter, Londa. Nettie, the wife of W. W. Butler, of Toledo, has two children, Charles and Martine. Alfred, of Kenton, married first Nettie Hatfield. and they have two children, Alfred and Jack. He married second Grace Norigan. Arthur Aquilla, a physician at Port Clinton, Ohio, married Catharine Thomas.

Mr. Brindley has had his share in public life, having been Swanton town treasurer four terms. He has also been township treasurer and for twenty-one years he has been a member of the Swanton School Board. He was a member of the board when the

high school was built in Swanton. For eight years he has served as township clerk—elected by the republicans, but serving the whole community.

Mr. Brindley was active in the organization of the Farmers and Merchants Deposit Company of Swanton. He was a director and has since served as its president. He is a stockholder in the Swanton Milling and Elevator Company, and closely identified with all business movements in the community.

While in his early life Mr. Brindley belonged to the Baptist Church, in Swanton he belongs to the Methodist and is chairman of the board of trustees. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons No. 555, of Swanton, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 528, and has been through all of the chairs. With his wife he is a member of the Eastern Star in Swanton.

Gideon Reuben Shafer. One of the substantial farmers of Fulton county who is successfully engaged in operating his fine 140-acre farm in German Township is Gideon Reuben Shafer, a native son of the county. He was born in Franklin Township, Fulton county, in 1855, his parents, John B. and Mary Catherine (Huke) Shafer, having come to the United States from Germany and settled in Franklin Township, where they bought fifty acres of land. They continued to live on this farm until claimed by death, she passing away in 1907 and he in 1910.

Growing up in his native township, Gideon Reuben Shafer attended the Fisher and Masters schools during a few months each winter until he was seventeen years old, after which he had to spend all his time working hard, first assisting his father and later as a hired man. In those days wages were small and the hours long, and a man certainly earned all he received, and generally a good deal more.

When he was twenty-three years old Mr. Shafer was married to Mary Shetler, a daughter of George and Sarah Ellen (Collins) Shetler, of Franklin Township. Of the three children born to them, only one survives, he being Jesse Dale, who married Rody Bemo. Following his marriage Mr. Shafer bought seventy-five acres, to which he later added land until he now has 140 acres, and on it has since engaged in general farming. He is an experienced and practical man and understands every phase of his work. Having spent his life in this line, he feels that he is able to conduct his farm in his own manner, and is somewhat conservative about making experiments. However, when he is convinced that a new method is good and can be adopted without serious inconvenience, or that the outlay will pay him, he gives it a trial.

He is a republican and has always given the candidates of his party the support of his vote. For six years he served as a justice of the peace of German Township, and his decisions were so just and equitable that they were seldom reversed by the higher courts. Mr. Shafer has held a number of other offices, having been on the township School Board for six years, township trustee for two years, and county commissioner for four years. Since 1914 he has been manager and one of the directors of the Northwestern Mutual Telephone Company, and he is a stockholder and director of the Farmers Commercial Bank at West Unity, Ohio. Recognition of his integ-

rity and ability has been shown by his having been made administrator of three different estates, and it is but just to him to state that he settled all of them in a highly satisfactory manner. There are few men in his neighborhood who stand as high in public confidence as he, and he is a credit to his community.

HENRY DOMINIQUE has deserved well of his community through the energy with which he has prosecuted every undertaking, whether growing crops on his farm, or some matter affecting the welfare of his friends and neighbors. While Mr. Dominique owns seventy-eight acres constituting a good farm in German Township, through most of his active life he has been a renter and still rents and operates more land than he owns.

He was born at the old Dominique farmstead in Fulton county in 1865, son of Xavier and Mary (Flory) Dominique. His people were French Catholics. His father when a young man came from Alsace-Lorraine and located in German Township, where he bought 160 acres of scarcely improved land.

Henry Dominique was one in a large family of twelve children. For a few months each year he attended the Stutzman district school No. 7, and kept that up until he reached his majority. In 1889, at the age of twenty-four, he married Clara Bender, daughter of Benjamin and Marian (McManus) Bender, of Elmira, Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Dominique also had a family of twelve children, and all are living except Hal Leo, who died in 1901, at the age of six months.

After his marriage Mr. Dominique rented 160 acres, and has farmed that place steadily, producing one crop after another for over thirty years. He still has it rented, while his own place is a farm of seventy-eight acres.

Mr. Dominique and family are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He votes as a democrat and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

FRANK S. FLORY. In early pioneer times the Flory family came into Fulton county, entered land from the government, and made their first home in the woods. As a family they have been noted for a continuation of the pioneer spirit, and their faithfulness and energy under all conditions have produced a number of elements of value in the progress of Fulton county.

Frank S. Flory represents the third generation of the family, and has spent his active life as a farmer in German Township, where he was born in 1861. He is a son of Frank and Josephine (Richard) Flory. His father was eight years of age when brought to this country from Alsace-Lorraine. The grandfather, John Peter Flory, acquired eighty acres of woodland from the government in German Township and spent the rest of his life there. Frank Flory, Sr., and his brother Fred cleared a tract of land a mile east of Almira, constituting the old Flory homestead. Frank Flory was given eighty acres of this land, and continued to live there, doing his work as a farmer and earning the esteem of the community until his death on October 28, 1915.

Frank S. Flory while a boy attended the Stutzman school in district No. 7. His education was completed by the time he was thirteen, and after that he worked both summer and winter help-

ing his father. After his father's death the old homestead was divided, Frank S. taking part, his brother George fifty acres and his brother Henry thirty acres. Frank S. Flory is a bachelor. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Catholic Church and is a democratic voter.

His brother George A. Flory was born and has always lived on the old Flory homestead. He also attended district No. 7 of the country schools, and later spent one term in the Fayette Normal School. Practically all his life has been given to agriculture. In 1906 he married Emma Pauline Miller, of Wauseon, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Martin) Miller. They have three children, Ada Josephine, Clarence George and Christine Marie.

George Flory is also a democrat, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and has always endeavored to sustain the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship.

William H. Miller. Apart from the substantial qualities of character exemplified in the acquisition and capable management of a large farm of 200 acres, William H. Miller is also known in Fulton county as a thoroughly public-spirited citizen, a man always ready to do his share in behalf of community improvements and the upholding of the principles of American government.

Mr. Miller, whose farm of 200 acres is in German Township, was born in that township in 1868, on the original homestead of his parents, John and Catherine (Knapp) Miller. His father was a native of Canton Schauffhausen, Switzerland, and was brought to this country when a child by his parents. The Millers are an old and prominent family of Fulton county and have long been identified with the lands and farming interests of German Township. John Miller after a long and active career died there in 1903.

William H. Miller spent his early life after the manner of most farm boys, attending school in winter to the age of seventeen, and having a regular routine of duties at home. After completing his education he lived at home to the age of twenty-four, working for his father. He then worked for himself, and in 1897 he married Mary Elizabeth Winzeler and established a home of his own. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have nine children, all living.

After his marriage he bought a farm, and has been steadily advancing the area of his land holdings, eventually taking in his father's old place and now has 200 acres, well improved and well farmed.

Mr. Miller has been active in local affairs. He was twice a candidate for township trustee. He acts independently in elections, casting his vote for the man best qualified. He served on the School Board of German Township nine years, and is a member of the Reformed Church.

Harmon Kleck. By his self-reliance, hard work and intelligent management Harmon Kleck has earned the right to be considered one of the leading farmers and citizens of German Township, Fulton county, where he has a model place of eighty acres, devoted to the standard crops of Fulton county.

Mr. Kleck was born at Archbold in Fulton county May 24, 1872. Just two years previously his parents, Henry and Anna (Beuhrer) Kleck, had come from Canton Schaffhausen, Switzer-

land. Henry Kleck was a shoemaker by trade, followed that occupation for a time in this country, and then bought a farm in Richville Township, Henry county, Ohio. He owned and cultivated sixty acres there, but later sold out and is now living retired.

Harmon Kleck was the fourth in a family of six children. While he attended schools at intervals at Richville to the age of seventeen, he always had a regular assignment of duties on the home farm and from the age of thirteen he hired out his services to other farmers, his wages going into the home exchequer. At the age of twenty-one, without capital, but with a good knowledge of farm methods, he began the slow process of acquiring his own property. He worked as a farm hand in German Township, and at the age of twenty-five he had made such progress that he was justified in getting married. Mrs. Kleck before her marriage was Emma Burkholder, a daughter of D. D. and Catherine (Kiefer) Burkholder of Henry county. Mr. and Mrs. Kleck have four children: Inez Ruth, Harold D., Ilva L. and Wilbur Herman.

At the age of twenty-nine, four years after his marriage, Mr. Kleck with his father-in-law bought a farm in German Township. Six years later he became sole owner of this place, and he is now owner of a substantial property, and at the same time has given good home advantages to his family.

Mr. Kleck is an independent voter, considering the qualifications of the man rather than the party.

Samuel A. Schlatter, who is a successful representative Fulton county agriculturist, and owns a rich farm of eighty-four acres in German Township, is a native of the county, and has lived his whose life within its borders. His father, now in his eighty-fifth year, has lived in the county since he was twenty-eight years old, and was associated with many of the pioneer settlers of German Township.

Samuel A. was born in the village of Archbold, German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, January 24, 1866, the son of John and Mary Magdalen (Buehrer) Schlatter. The family is of Swiss origin, John Schlatter having been born in the village of Buttenhardt, Canton of Schauffhausen, Switzerland, in 1835. He learned the trade of blacksmith in this native place, and married there, and one of his children, Lydia, now deceased, was born in Switzerland. In 1863, when he was twenty-eight years old, John Schlatter brought his wife and child to America, in that year coming direct to German Township, where others of Swiss origin, and from the Canton of Schauffhausen, had settled. Soon after he had arrived in the township he established himself in business in the village of Archbold, maintaining a smithy and wagon shop in that place until 1876, when he bought the farm of sixty-six acres he still owns. He farmed the property from 1876 until 1900, his industry and skillful farming bringing him into comfortable circumstances financially. In 1900, being then sixty-five years old, and having worked hard for practically fifty years, he decided to retire. He and his wife moved into Archbold, where until the latter's death in 1913 they lived a quiet and comfortable life of retirement. In 1917 he returned to the home farm, which he had sold to his son Samuel in 1904, and which Samuel had tilled for very many years prior to that. For the remainder of his days John Schlatter will probably

live quietly with his son upon the farm that has been in the possession of the family for so many years. John and Mary Magdalen (Buehrer) Schlatter were the parents of seven children, five of whom were sons. Only two of their children, however, now survive, Hannah, who married John M. Kaehr, of Bluffton, Indiana, and Samuel A.

Samuel A. Schlatter received his early education in the public school of Archbold, attending that school until he was ten years old, by which time the family had moved out of Archbold onto the farm his father had bought in German Township. The boy thereafter attended district school No. 15, that being the nearest to his father's farm. When he was fifteen years old he left school altogether, and from that time until he was twenty-six years old he worked steadily at farming tasks upon his father's farm. Then followed one year of carpentering in the neighborhood, and a further year or so at farming with his father, which brought him to the year of his marriage, 1894. Soon after marriage he went into Archbold to live, and work as a carpenter. So employed, he passed five years in Archbold, after which he again took up farming, renting a farm of 104 acres in German Township. Two years later he again moved onto the home farm, his father having decided to retire altogether. His parents moved in Archbold, and he rented the family property until 1904, when he purchased it from his father. He has had much success in general farming and in the raising of cattle. He maintains a somewhat large dairy, pays thoughtful attention to his stock, and generally does not shirk the labor that the proper operation of his acreage brings. He is known in the township as a man of marked energy, and in his farming he has also shown good business enterprise.

He is independent in politics, placing more importance upon the character of the candidate for office than upon the platform of the party. He is an earnest Christian, member of the Missionary Church of Archbold. He has for many years interested himself in church work and in personal and financial support has been a valued member of his church, of which at present he is deacon and trustee.

In 1894 Samuel A. Schlatter married Eliza Nofziger, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Sauter) Nofziger, of Archbold. To them have been born seven children, four sons and three daughters. The children in order of birth are: Floyd Monroe, who is now twenty-four years old, and in good business in Toledo, connected with an oil company of that place. He is a veteran of the World war, serving for three months in Camp Gordon, Georgia, and then being transferred to the Machine Gun Officers Training School at Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he went through the course which gained him in graduating the rank of second-lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve on November 25, 1918, being soon afterward mustered out of the service because of the signing of the Armistice; Ormond Edward, now twenty-two years old in is business in Delta, Fulton county; Olin Guy, now twenty years old, is in his second term at the Bible Training School at Fort Wayne, where he expects to qualify for entry to the ministry. The four younger children of Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter are: Florence Fay, Ada May, Nolo Nell, and Miles Wave.

Peter Rebo, an esteemed and prosperous farmer of German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, now lives on the homestead upon which he was born in 1851. His father, associated with the early settlers of the county, did much pioneer work and cleared a very good farm for himself. And, like his father, Peter also did much development work, his energy and enterprise being responsible for the conversion of many acres of wild land to good rich agricultural properties. He has a worthy repute in the township, the reward that comes by a life well lived, by a sincerity of interest in one's fellows, and a helpful co-operation with one's neighbors. Peter Rebo has for the greater part of his life lived by hard toil, prospering well by industrious and well-directed farming in his later days, and in earlier years by the more rigorous labors of a woodsman.

He was born in the Rebo homestead in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on May 1, 1851, the son of Joseph and Frances (Short) Rebo. His father was born in France, and married in that country, coming soon afterward with his wife to America and settling in Elmira, Fulton county. For five years after coming into the territory, which was then in almost a wild state, with nothing of greater importance for the settlers to do than to clear the forest, Joseph Rebo lived the life of a woodsman, working as wood chopper for settlers in the vicinity. At the end of that time he bought the eighty acre tract now owned and occupied by his son Peter. When he acquired it the land was an undeveloped tract, but he lived on it for more than forty years, and for the greater part of that time worked steadily, first in clearing the acreage of timber, and latterly in bringing it into good fertility, Peter, as he grew, taking increasing share in the burdens of the farm operation. Joseph Rebo died in 1890, his wife surviving him for four years, her death not occurring until 1894.

Peter, born in 1851, and reared in the somewhat primitive surroundings of the township of that day, gained what schooling was possible in the country school nearest to his father's farm. He attended district school No. 15 during the winters, or rather for as long each year as the school was open, which meant practically only during the winter months, the summer vacation being planned to extend over the greater part of the growing season, when the sons of farmers would be of use to their parents on the home farms. So Peter grew to manhood. He continued to attend school until he was sixteen years old, and for seven years thereafter assisted his father in the clearing of the parental acreage. He did much work as a woodsman, he and his father clearing 160 acres altogether. He was twenty-two years old when he married, which to some extent affected his future plans. In the following year he rented a farm of eighty acres for himself, and fifteen years later was able to buy the home farm of eighty acres, where he has since lived. It has long since ceased to be necesary for him to rely upon the product of the farm for his sustenance, and he does not now work as strenuously as formerly; still, having lived so active a life, he even yet undertakes quite a lot of work upon the farm.

Politically he is an independent democrat, religiously he is a Catholic, a devout member of the St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church of Archbold, and throughout his life he has been closely interested in all matters that pertain to his native township.

He was married in 1873 to Anna, daughter of Joseph and Mary

Ann (Jean-Marie) Socie, whose parents were respected residents in German Township. Mr. and Mrs. Rebo became the parents of thirteen children, of whom eight survive, four sons and four daughters: Mary Alice, who married Enoch Rupp, of Archbold, and is the mother of three children, Stella Cecilia, Wilma Maryann and Viola Margaret; Laura, who married Max Scanlon, of Toledo, but is without issue; Anna Myrtle, who is at home; Irvin Sereno, now thirty-five years old; Edward Peter, now thirty-three years old; Laurence Louis, who was born in 1888, has married, and is a successful farmer in Clinton Township, Fulton county; Blanche May, who is at home; Hilary Sylvester; and Florence Arville, who died in 1913, had married, and had borne to her husband five children, who survived her. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rebo died in infancy.

Kores Thierry, one of the intelligent farmers of Fulton county, works a fine farm of 105 acres in Franklin Township, and is engaged in conducting it in a profitable manner. He is a son of Charles and Anna (Roth) Thierry, the former of whom came to the United States from France when nine years old, at which time his family located in German Township, Fulton county, and reared three sons and one daughter. Charles Thierry died October 15, 1900. After his death his wife, Anna, purchased 105 acres in Franklin Township, where she still resides and her son Kores works the place.

Kores Thierry was born January 18, 1895, and was only a little boy when he lost his father. He attended the country schools until he was sixteen years of age during the winter months, and helped his mother with the farm in the summer. He has spent his life on this farm and is a very good agriculturist and much interested in operating his land in a modern way so as to make it yield banner crops. Mr. Thierry is unmarried. He is an independent democrat in his political views, and as yet has not become before the public for office, having been too much occupied with his private affairs to be active in politics. Believing strongly in the value of the Farm Bureau to the farmer, he has been a member of the local organization. In connection with the Bureau Mr. Thierry is studying the structure, composition and physiology of farm crops and their environment; that is, climate, fertilizers, soil and similar influences. He has taken advantage of the promulgation of agricultural information by the governmental and other institutions, and is active in urging co-operation among the farmers so as to investigate into the value of such important aids as irrigation, dry farming, selective plant and animal breeding, specialization in crops, fertilizers and cold storage. It is men like Mr. Thierry who have during the past, as they still do at present, made the advancements in agriculture and brought about the transition from crude beginnings to methods and appliances of the present day. Mr. Thierry and his family, unlike the majority of French extraction, are Protestants. It would be difficult to find anyone who is more alert to the possibilities of an honorable calling than he, and although he is yet a young man he has proven his worth to his community and given promise of much greater progress in the future.

William A. Biddle, a well-known and prosperous farmer of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, has lived practically all his

life on the farm upon which he was born, and which his father, who was one of the pioneer settlers of the township, won from the wilderness.

His paternal descent is English, but the family has long been resident in the United States. His paternal grandparents, George and Nancy Jane (Lawrence) Biddle, were both born in Pennsylvania. Their son Henry L., father of William A., was born in Pennsylvania, but in early manhood came into Ohio, and for a while lived in Wayne county. There he married Agatha Greenwelt, who was born in Russia, but who since her fourteenth year had been living in the United States, her parents having settled in Wayne county, Ohio. In about 1855 Henry L. Biddle and his wife put their few belongings into a wagon and drove through the wilderness from Wayne county to Fulton county, settling in York Township upon wild land Henry L. Biddle had purchased. There they lived the rigorous life of the pioneer, and in course of time, by dint of hard and persistent labor, Henry L. Biddle found himself the owner of a good agricultural property, 127 acres in extent, all cleared and tillable with the exception of twenty acres. He died in the township on December 5, 1888, aged fifty-five years, having been born on June 4, 1833. His wife, however, lived a widowhood of twenty-six years, her demise not occurring until March 25, 1915, she being then seventy-eight years old, having been born on January 12, 1837. They had many sincere friends among the older people of York Township. Their children were: Nannie, who was born on March 11, 1857, and died on June 9, 1886, married Brainard Fleming; William A., regarding whose life more follows; George F., who was born on October 4, 1871, and now lives in Los Angeles, California; Mary A., who was born on March 27, 1874, and eventually married John Sinkes of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

William A. Biddle, son of Henry L. and Agatha (Greenwelt) Biddle, was born in York Township on May 28, 1861. He attended the district school in his boyhood, and after leaving school applied himself industriously to agricultural occupations, becoming of much assistance to his father in the operation of their somewhat extensive farm. He remained by his father until the latter's death, and for twelve years afterward remained single, the responsibilities of the farm and the family to a great extent devolving upon him, he being the elder of the two sons. In 1900 he married, but he continued to work the home farm, and has done so up to the present, with good result, his industry and skill as a farmer having brought him very satisfactory return. He now owns the 127 acres, and although for the first four years of his married life they lived in the old Biddle home, he erected in 1905 the substantial modern dwelling they now occupy. His farming has been of general character, and he has had good success in stockraising and maintains a good dairy. His property is known as the Lake Shore Dairy Farm, and that acreage of good fertile land is the worthy contribution of one family to the development of the United States.

Politically Mr. Biddle is a democrat, but he has not taken active part in national politics, and has never sought political office. He, however, has closely followed local affairs, and has upon many occasions shown commendable public spirit in giving willing support to many movements of importance to the community. Religiously he is identified with the Evangelical Church, and fraternally is a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

His wife, Ella Biery, whom he married on April 29, 1900, was born in York Township, June 9, 1874, a daughter of Christian and Lottie (Schlegel) Biery and granddaughter of Nicholas and Magdeline (Hummel) Biery, all of whom were residents of York Township. Nicholas Biery, who is placed among the pioneers of the township, was born in Switzerland, and came to the United States when he was in early manhood. He settled in Pennsylvania and there married, his wife being a native of that state. Not long after their marriage they came into Ohio and to York Township, Fulton county, when the surrounding country was practically wilderness. Christian Biery, their son, was born in North Georgetown, Columbiana county, Ohio. He lived in York Township for practically the whole of his life, farming an extensive acreage, and building four residences. He died in 1909, in his sixty-fourth year. His wife, Lottie (Schlegel) Biery, is still living, and in comfortable circumstances, upon the old homestead. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, but her parents were also early York Township residents. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Ella (Biery) Biddle were Gotlief and Lydia Ann (Bailey) Schlegel, the former a native of Berlin, Germany, and the latter of Pennsylvania. They lived after marriage for a while in Coshocton county, Ohio, and there Lottie, their daughter, and mother of Mrs. Biddle was born on December 11, 1847, but they later came into Fulton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Biddle are generally well-regarded in their section of Fulton county, and have many close friends among their neighbors.

George Wildon Orndorff, who during the last decade has had substantial success in farming in York Township, Fulton county, is a native of that township, and comes of one of the pioneer families of the county. Mr. Orndorff has lived an active life, has always been a responsible citizen of close interest in national and local affairs, and has manifested worthy Christian characteristics, having entered actively into church work.

He was born in York Township, Fulton county, in September, 1865, the son of George and Rachel (Biddle) Orndorff. The Orndorff family has had many generations of American residence, the name being encountered in the vital statistics of early Pennsylvanian communities. George Orndorff was born in Pennsylvania, and later came into Ohio, at first living in Wayne county, where he met Rachel Biddle, who became his wife. She was born in Wayne county, Ohio, and they came through the wilderness from Wayne county to Fulton county and settled in York Township, George Orndorff acquiring a tract of wild land in the northwestern part of the township. There they both lived for the remainder of their lives and raised a family of six children, of whom George Wildon was the youngest. Mrs. Rachel (Biddle) Orndorff died in about 1897, two years after the death of her husband, George Orndorff, whose demise occurred in 1895. Their children in order of birth were: Lorinda, who married Samuel Murray, of York Township, and is now deceased; Samuel, also deceased; Luther, deceased; Clara J., who now lives in Wauseon, Ohio; Knight, now of Clinton Township, Fulton county; and George Wildon.

George Wildon Orndorff, youngest child of George and Rachel

(Biddle) Orndorff, was born in the old homestead of the family, and in his youth had to content himself with the limited education he could obtain in the district school. Afterward he devoted his time mainly to work upon the home farm until he was twenty-three years old, when he married. Soon after that important event in his life he went to live in Wauseon, Ohio, and there for about six years did well in the teaming and trucking business. In 1894 he went to Signet, Ohio, and for the next eighteen months worked as a teamster in the oil fields. Returning to Wauseon, he took up his former connection, continuing in the teaming and trucking enterprises until 1909. He had also concurrently undertaken farming responsibilities, having purchased forty acres of the Orndorff homestead in York Township soon after he had returned to the district from the oil fields. The portion he had bought was practically all timber, and most of this during the next four years he cleared, later selling the property. In 1909, however, he purchased a farm of eighty acres of improved land in section 9 of York Township, and since that year he has devoted himself exclusively to farming, with good results. He is enterprising, has good knowledge of farming, is energetic, and alertly follows the developments of modern methods. His farm is well adapted to the purposes to which he puts it, those of general farming, and he keeps a dairy of moderate size.

Politically he is a republican, but his interest in politics has not been that of an office seeker. He has never sought, neither would he accept, public office. His busy life has been too full of production to have much room for deliberation. In church matters, however, he has ever been an earnest worker. He is a stalwart member of the Christian Union Church, and since early in 1917 has been first elder of the local church. He is also an assistant teacher in the Sunday School.

Mr. Orndorff has been twice married. His first wife, whom he married in November, 1888, was Della, daughter of David Pontius, of York Township. Mrs. Orndorff was a native of York Township, but her father was born in Pickaway county, Ohio. George Wildon Orndorff married for his second wife Ida Ledyard, born in Clinton Township, Fulton county, daughter of Frank and Ellen (Kimmer) Ledyard, the second marriage having taken place in March, 1905.

Clarence Orndorff, son of George Wildon Orndorff by his first wife, Della Pontius, is now succeeding well in life in the city of Toledo, Ohio.

Oliver P. Raker. The vital interest of the whole community in the success of agriculture as the great basal industry has been proven beyond question, and within recent years this interest has been intensified because of the unprecedented demand for foodstuffs. Because of these facts the importance of the farmer has become generally recognized, and his choice of a calling received universal approval. One of the men who lent distinction to Fulton county as an agricultural center was Oliver P. Raker, of York Township, whose death occurred December 2, 1919.

Oliver P. Raker was born in Swan Creek Township on December 5, 1841, a son of Jacob and Fannie (Perry) Raker, natives of Pennsylvania and Wayne county, Ohio, and grandson of Martin Raker, a native of Pennsylvania, and Levi and Frances (Humphrey) Perry, all of whom were very early settlers of Ohio. Jacob

Raker and his wife were married in what was then Lucas county, Ohio, but is now Fulton county, and they settled in Swan Creek Township, then all wild timberland, about 1835. Here they cleared and improved a farm, and in 1854 bought 160 acres of land on section 24, York Township, which was also in the timber. On it the father built a log cabin, and then went to work to clear it off and place it under cultivation. He died on this farm in 1888, when he was sixty-nine years of age. His widow survived him until November, 1907, when she passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were as follows: Oliver P., who was the eldest; Wealthy Ann, who is deceased; George, who is also deceased; Diantha Jane, who is Mrs. John Love, of McClure, Ohio; Harriet, who is Mrs. George Shaub; Amos P., who lives in Pike Township; Daniel, who lived at Napoleon, Ohio, until October, 1919, and now resides on his farm one mile south of Delta; and Calvin, who lives near Tedrow, Ohio.

Oliver P. Raker has a war record, for he enlisted in November, 1861, in the Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for service during the war between the states, and was at Fort Donelson, and in many of the important battles in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, including the siege of Vicksburg. Later his regiment was with General Sherman's command in the campaign in Georgia. Mr. Raker received his discharge on December 10, 1864, near Savannah, Georgia, and returned home by way of New York City.

On October 4, 1866, Mr. Raker was married to Martha Dumaresq, born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, on June 26, 1845, a daughter of Frederick and Jane Maria (Norton) Dumaresq, natives of the Isle of Guernsey and Wayne county, New York, respectively. Mrs. Raker's grandfather, Abram Dumaresq, was born on the Isle of Guernsey, and he married a Miss Simon. The maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Betsey (Minor) Norton, natives of Wayne county, New York.

After his marriage Mr. Raker took up his residence on his farm of five acres, to which he kept on adding until he had forty acres, all of which he cleared and improved, and in 1916 he rented it. In the spring of 1919 he sold this farm to Melford Baldwin, but continued to make his home on the property until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Raker became the parents of the following children: Charles, who is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. N. D. Fonty, of Wauseon; Mrs. Henry Smout, of Toledo; Fred, who lives at Delta, Ohio; Albert, who died in infancy; and Carlton, who lives at Bellefontaine, Ohio. Mr. Raker had nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and was very proud of all of them. For many years he was a member of the Christian Church of Delta, and from 1888 he served it as a deacon. While he gave an intelligent support to the candidates of the republican party, he never cared to enter public life as an office seeker. He was a member of McQuillan Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Having spent his entire life in Fulton county, with the exception of his army service, Mr. Raker was naturally much interested in its advancement, and felt proud of the fact that he had the privilege of taking part in this work. He was a man of high character, one who carried his religion into his every day life, and those who knew him appreciated the fact that he was one who not only treated his neighbor as well as himself, but considerably better. While his

educational training was restricted to the district schools he had added to his store of knowledge as the years went by, and was a very well informed man in every respect.

Hezekiah Marks. Strictly a self-made man who has created his own opportunities, Hezekiah Marks has long been identified with the agricultural community of Fulton county, and after acquiring a competence as a farmer he moved to Fayette, where he is now enjoying a well-earned retirement.

He was born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, January 18, 1861, son of Jacob Frederick and Barbara Ellen (Musser) Marks, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The paternal grandparents were Daniel and Hannah (Lillie) Marks, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born on the Atlantic Ocean while her parents were coming to this country from Germany, the voyage requiring seventeen weeks. Daniel Marks and wife settled in Williams county, Ohio, while the Musser family were pioneers of Gorham Township, Fulton county. Jacob F. Marks after his marriage lived for a few years in Hillsdale county, Michigan, spent two years in Lenawee county, that state, and then returned to Williams county, Ohio. Their family consisted of four children: Benjamin Franklin, who died at the age of twenty-one; Hezekiah; Hattie, wife of Gilbert Van Arsdalen, of Michigan; and William Peter, of Pioneer, Ohio.

Hezekiah Marks had no opportunities to attend school while at home. He was seventeen years of age when he took his place among much younger children in a district school, and altogether his schooling was limited to about twenty-one months. However, he early learned to make the best of a bad situation, and has maintained an open mind and willingness to learn by experience, and therefore has not suffered as great a handicap as might be supposed. He left home at the age of seventeen, and worked out as a farm hand until he was thirty years of age. By industry and careful economy he was able to invest his savings in eighty acres of land in Gorham Township, and after getting that partly improved he married a year and a half after purchasing it, on November 12, 1891, Miss Amanda M. Alleman. Mrs. Marks was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 30, 1864, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Gleim) Alleman. Her parents were natives of Ohio and early settlers in Richland county. Mr. Marks put in many strenuous years on his farm, working in the fields with the growing crops and constantly studying to make the land more productive and improving with barns, house and other equipment. He remained there engaged in general farming until March 9, 1915, when he bought his residence in Fayette, turning over the management of his farm to his son, and has since lived practically retired.

He has two children, the son being Josiah Franklin, while the daughter, Ruby Marie, is the wife of Bernard Crawford of Milan, Michigan. The son married Bertha Long and has a daughter, Gladys Lucile.

Mrs. Marks received a district school education. She is an active member of the Missionary and Ladies Aid Societies of the Disciples Church, in which Mr. Marks is serving as deacon and treasurer. Politically he votes as a democrat.

Ansel Landis Ford was born and has spent all his life in Fulton county. His business interests from first to last have been concentrated in land and its fruits and products. His success has been a rather unusual and striking one. He began his active career with little capital except a determined ambition and unlimited energy. In the course of many years he has owned seventeen different farms, and his possessions today include six farms, aggregating about 500 acres.

Mr. Ford, who is now enjoying the comforts of a part town and part country home at the edge of Fayette, was born in Gorham Township August 15, 1851, son of Cyrus and Fannie (Landis) Ford. He represents old New England stock, his people for several generations living in Cumington, Massachusetts, where his father was born in 1821. The Landis family came from Pennsylvania, and one of Mr. Ford's maternal ancestors was an American officer in the Revolutionary war. The principal facts regarding the Ford ancestors and the Fulton county branch of that name are given on other pages of this publication.

Ansel Landis Ford grew up on his father's farm, acquiring his education in Fayette, and after his marriage at the age of twenty-four lived on his father's old home place a mile from Fayette. He was a renter there, and continued to occupy this place even after he had acquired other farms. In 1909 he bought eighty acres of the old Ford homestead, including the buildings. Under his ownership many of the buildings have been replaced with modern structures, and the farm has been highly developed in every way. On June 1, 1917, Mr. Ford bought a modern residence and an acre of ground at the east edge of Fayette.

He married in September, 1874, Anna Humphrey, a native of Fayette, daughter of Rensselaer and Cornelia (Emerick) Humphrey and member of another prominent and well-known family of Fulton county whose records are given in detail elsewhere. The oldest of Mr. and Mrs. Ford's children is Alva, of Gorham Township, who married Ida Taylor and has three children, Anna, Naomi and Van. The second child, Bermah, is the wife of Clyde Brown of Napa, California, and the mother of two children, Lowell F. and Leland Robert. Clare Ford, who now has the responsibilities of managing the home farm, married Gertrude Wilcox, and their children are Blenda June and Don Wilcox. Demah is the wife of Cass Cullis, of Swanton, and has a son, Ford Miller. Denver, twin brother of Demah, lives in Gorham Township, and by his marriage to Lois Richmond has a daughter, Pauline Lucile.

His experience as a farmer and land owner has given Mr. Ford a wide and diversified knowledge of land values, and he has served as real estate appraiser in Gorham Township and the village of Fayette and for two years was township assessor. He has been deeply interested in public schools and for forty years has been a member of the township School Board of Gorham. He is now serving his second term as justice of the peace and in politics is a republican voter. He has held all the chairs of Lodge No. 689 of the Knights of Pythias at Fayette.

Emerson E. Bourquin, partner of the firm of Bourquin Brothers, tile manufacturers of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, is one of the substantial and enterprising business men of that section

of the county, in which he has lived during practically the whole of his life.

He was born about three miles to the west of Archbold in 1877, the son of Charles and Martha Bourquin. The family is of Alsatian (French) ancestry, but three generations have had American residence, the American progenitor of the branch to which Emerson E. and Ira O. Bourquin, of Archbold, belong being their grandfather, James, who was a cabinetmaker in his native land, although after he crossed to America and settled in Fulton county, near Archbold, he followed agriculture almost exclusively. He had married anterior to the year of his immigration, and some of his children were born in France, but concerning his immediate family the data now available is not explicit or complete. It appears, however, that for some short period after immigrating with his wife and children James Bourquin lived in Williams county, Ohio, subsequently moving into Fulton county, where the family home has ever since been. The Bourquin family has been thus connected with the county and with Archbold for very long. Of the four children of James Bourquin, two sons and two daughters, his son Charles, father of Emerson E., was the last born and possibly he was born in America. Charles Bourquin farmed for the greater part of his life, assisting his father throughout the latter's life, and after his death continuing to till the Bourquin family homestead, to the westward of Archbold, until somewhat recently, when he retired from agricultural occupations altogether and moved into Archbold, so that he might pass the remaining years of his life in quiet comfort and be near his children. He married Martha Klopfenstein, and they were the parents of four children, all sons, of whom Emerson E. is the youngest.

Emerson E. as a boy attended the district school nearest to the family homestead, following the classes until he had reached the age of eighteen years. Like most country boys of his time, his schooling practically resolved itself into winter terms, the school being closed for the greater part of the growing season. However, he made good that deficiency by attending school for a greater number of years than he otherwise might have. Still, as his long summer vacations were spent generally in doing what tasks connected with the home farm he had the strength to undertake, he was almost an experienced farmer before he finally closed his schooling altogether. From the age of eighteen years until he was in his twenty-third year he remained at home, giving his time exclusively to his father, and to the affairs of the home farm. In 1899, however, he went to West Unity, Williams county, Ohio, where for the next four years he was a clerk in a general store of that place. He returned to Archbold at the end of that time and joined his brother Ira O. in a business enterprise, the two then becoming established in a grocery business in Archbold, trading as Bourquin Brothers, and during the next four years having satisfactory return upon their investment. They then sold the business to advantage, being influenced in the matter by another business opportunity then open, and from which they expected to get an even better return than the continuance in merchandising business would have brought them. They purchased thirteen acres of land to the eastward of Archbold, and ever since have been manufacturers of building tile and other clay products, valuable clay deposits being upon their land, which

fact the Bourquin brothers had cognizance of prior to their decision to purchase the land. Their manufactured products find a ready market among users within seventy-five miles of Archbold, and they have generally been able to keep their plant operated at full capacity. Thirteen men find constant employment in the plant, and the brothers have not an inconsequential business in their retailing of coal in Archbold and the neighboring country.

Politically Mr. Bourquin is of independent affiliation; in fact it may be said of him that he is of independent mind, placing more importance upon the strength and moral standing of the candidate for his vote rather than upon the party such candidate was linked with. If such discrimination were more generally shown at elections, politics would be of higher standard in all probability. Mr. Bourquin has upon many occasions shown a commendable community interest, and has at all times been ready to co-operate, personally or financially, in worthy local projects of communistic bearing. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, a member of the West Unity branch of that order, and is also a member of Masonic order at the same place. Generally he enjoys good repute in Archbold and the vicinity, being recognized as a helpful, responsible resident and loyal citizen.

In 1904 he married Bertha, daughter of J. O. and Jane Swisher. They have one child, Martha Jane.

Samuel C. Schantz. Upon the roll of representative citizens and influential business men of Fulton county consistently appears the name of Samuel C. Schantz, cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Archbold. He is one of those sturdy spirits who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the locality in which he lives, representing that class of earnest citizens who have done so much for the development of the country, while at the same time they have benefited themselves in a very material manner. He has spent practically his entire life in this county, during which time he has gradually won his way into the affections of the people, for he possesses those sterling qualities of character which commend themselves to the people of a community.

Samuel C. Schantz was born on his father's farm near Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, on August 8, 1869, and is the son of Christian and Mary (Gingerick) Schantz. His paternal grandfather, Christian Schantz, Sr., was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, who came to the United States in an early day and settled on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio. Among his children who accompanied him on the immigration to this country was Christian, Jr., father of the subject, and who at that time was twelve years of age. The latter became a pioneer settler of Fulton county, where he entered and created a home. Of his fifteen children the subject of this sketch is the youngest.

Samuel C. Schantz was reared to manhood on his father's farm and secured his elementary education in the schools of District No. 10, near Archbold, after which he attended the Trenton high school at Butler one year. Having decided to adopt the teaching profession, he attended the Fayette Normal School two terms, and then for eight years was employed as a teacher in the country schools of this section, including two terms in Springfield Township, Henry county, two terms in District No. 10, German Township, Fulton

county, and several years in other local schools. Then for fourteen years he was a teacher in the Archbold High School, winning a splendid reputation as an able and conscientious teacher.

In 1907 Mr. Schantz resigned his position with the schools and organized the Peoples State Bank, of which he became the cashier, in which position he still serves. The bank was organized with a capital stock of $25,000, and has steadily grown in public favor until now its deposits are, in round numbers, about $500,000. It is one of the solid and influential financial institutions of the county and has been an important factor in the commercial development and prosperity of this section of the county. In addition to his bank stock Mr. Schantz also owns extensive tracts of farm land, as well as real estate in Toledo and Lima, Ohio.

In 1892 Mr. Schantz was married to Fanny Eicher, the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Eicher, of Ridgeville Corners, Henry county. To their union have been born eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Otto R., Lloyd C., Raymond Lee, Milton M., Mary C., Orpha, Lottie and Osee.

Politically Mr. Schantz supports the democratic party, though he does not take a very active part in political affairs. However, he is deeply interested in public affairs as affecting his community, and rendered three years of effective service as assessor and one term as a member of the School Board. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The qualities of keen discrimination, sound judgment and executive ability enter very largely into his makeup and have been contributing elements to the material success which has come to him, and because of these attributes he has won the confidence and respect of all who know him.

Elmer E. Rupp. It cannot be other than interesting to note in the series of personal sketches appearing in this work the varying conditions that have compassed those whose careers are outlined, and the effort has been made in each case to throw well focused light onto the individual and to bring into proper perspective the scheme of each respective career. The banks of Fulton county have ever maintained a high standing, and among the able young workers in this field of endeavor is Elmer E. Rupp, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Archbold. With a natural predilection for this vocation and endowed with a ready faculty for business affairs, he has been successful in his present position and enjoys the fullest measure of confidence on the part of his business associates and the patrons of the bank.

Elmer E. Rupp was born in 1885 on his father's farm about one mile north of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, and is the son of Rev. Daniel and Magdalena (Gerber) Rupp, the former being a well known pastor of the Mennonite Church. The subject received his elementary education in the common schools of his home neighborhood, which he attended until fifteen years of age. He is descended from sterling old pioneer stock, his great-grandfather Rupp having been one of four brothers who settled in Fulton county in an early day, devoting their lives to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Rupp completed his studies in the high school at Archbold, where he was graduated in 1903. He then engaged in teaching school, being employed for three years in District No. 5 of German Township, and one year in his home school. Mr. Rupp then went

to Wauseon, and during the following year and a half was employed as bookkeeper in the First National Bank. Then he went to Archbold and became assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, predecessor of the present Farmers & Merchants State Bank, and of that institution he became cashier in 1912. One year later he resigned and became connected with the Salem Orphanage at Flanagan, Ilinois, first being in the office, but later was placed in charge of the electric plant and machinery. This is a well-known and successful Mennonite institution, and Mr. Rupp gave it good service for one year, at the end of which time he went to Chicago and attended the Moody Bible Institute, where he took courses in Bible Study and music. He graduated there in December, 1914, receiving special honor in his music class. He returned to Archbold and again became cashier of the bank from which he had resigned about three years before, and he has remained with this bank ever since. He is closely devoted to his work, and not a little of the splendid success which has come to this bank is due to his business ability and high personal character.

In November, 1915, Mr. Rupp was married to Esther J. Slagle, the daughter of Rev. E. M. and Magdalena (Sommers) Slagle, her father being a Mennonite minister at Pioneer, Ohio. To the subject and wife have been born two children, Pauline May and Ruth Anna. Religiously Mr. Rupp is a member of the Defenseless branch of the Mennonite Church, in the activities of which he is prominent. He is a trustee of Bluffton College and Mennonite Seminary at Bluffton, Ohio, and is a director of the Salem Orphanage at Flanagan, Illinois. He is a good citizen in every respect, being of that type of man who cheerfully gives his support to all movements for the betterment of the people and the welfare of the community generally. Personally he is genial and companionable, and has a host of warm personal friends throughout this section of the country.

Oliver Richard George. Since 1873 the George family represented by Oliver Richard George of York Township has been in Fulton county. He was ten years old when his parents came from Seneca county. He was born February 26, 1863, in Seneca county. He is a son of Oliver R. and Salinda (Trexler) George, the parents having been born in Pennsylvania. When the family came to Fulton county they bought land in York Township, where the father died in 1880, and the mother died fifteen years later. The oldest daughter, Cora, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Dickerson. Oliver R. George, who enrolls the family, has a younger sister, Ida, the wife of Charles Snyder, of Napoleon.

After the death of O. R. George, Sr., the son Oliver R. continued his residence with the mother at the family homestead. He remained there two years after her death, when he bought eighty acres and moved to it. He has added many new buildings, and is engaged in diversified farming and raising livestock. He is engaged in milk production and always has a good herd of dairy cows.

In 1887 Mr. George married Jessie Aumend, a daughter of Samuel and Martha Aumend, of York Township. Their children are: Russell, who married Lena Atherton and has three sons, Clarence, Richard and Marvin; Clair, who is a state dairy inspector; Enid at home; Leon, of Fulton, who married Georgia Foster and has two children, Marion and Margerita; Emerson, of the United States

Army, who had his military training at Camp Taylor. Clair was also a soldier, having his training at Camp Sherman, and he spent twenty months in the service. Russell and Leon are both up-to-date farmers. They have good farming properties and doing well. Russell is working an eighty acre farm in York Township and Leon, forty acres in Fulton Township. Enid was a school teacher and was also a bookkeeper at Delta. The family vote is republican. Mr. George has served as trustee in the Grange for many years. He has passed all of the chairs in the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Delta.

Elmer H. Struble, a well-known resident of York Township, Fulton county, and a Civil war veteran of honorable record, comes of a family which was among the early settlers in Trumbull county, Ohio, and among the pioneer settlers of York Township, Fulton county. Elmer H. Struble has lived in the township since 1844, for seventy-six years excepting those of the Civil war, when he gave worthy national service in the Army of the Cumberland, taking part in Sherman's famous march to the sea through Georgia. His manliness, demonstrated during his war service, has been continued with stalwart purpose during later life, which he has spent in York Township, mostly in pioneering occupations, and the resultant material independence has been strengthened by the good will borne toward him by his neighbors in the township, who esteem him for his moral qualities as well as for his consistent and persistent industry. He has been a factor in the township for very many years.

Elmer H. Struble was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on July 1, 1843, the son of William and Elizabeth (Dixon) Struble. William Struble was born in Mifflin county, Ohio, and his wife, Elizabeth Dixon, in Washington county, Ohio. Both are of record in the early annals of Trumbull county, Ohio, where they settled after marriage. But subsequently they removed to what is now York Township, Fulton county, having purchased a tract of timber land in section 10 of that township from an attorney named Rawson. The tract was eighty acres in extent, and William Struble settled his family thereon, the family at the outset living in a primitive dwelling which, through the industry and parental purpose of William Struble, eventually gave way to a homestead, commodious and comfortable, just as the timber land eventually was won from the wild state to a satisfactory condition of tillage. William Struble prospered and gradually added to his acreage, ultimately becoming the owner of a rich farming property, 160 acres in extent. He and his wife lived in the township until his children were full-grown and independently established, and then he and his wife moved into the City of Wauseon, Ohio, and there passed their declining years. His wife died in December, 1886, and he three years later, in December, 1889. William and Elizabeth (Dixon) Struble were the parents of ten children: George W., Angeline, Ann, Elmer H., Clara who is now the widow of William Skeels, and lives in Wauseon, Ohio, Walter D., James C., Charles W., and two who died in infancy.

Elmer H. Struble was less than a year old when his parents moved from Trumbull county to York Township of Fulton county, and most of his youth was spent under conditions such as the average pioneer experienced. As a boy he attended the district school,

and in all probability spent a good portion of his boyhood years in minor occupations upon his father's farm. He grew into sturdy manhood, and was of good heart, loyal and patriotic. That was evident during the troublous times of his young manhood. Indeed, he was not yet eighteen years old when the Civil war came into being, and he could not be held long from enlisting in the military forces of the Union. On May 27, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after the expiration of the local emergency, September 23, 1862, he was discharged. He returned to his home, and for a few months worked as hired hand on farms of that district. However, on February 8, 1863, he again enlisted, joining Company B, of the Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became part of the Army of the Cumberland, and as such took part in the famous campaigning of General Sherman throughout the southern states during the years 1863-64-65. The campaigning of General Sherman in Mississippi and Tennessee during 1863 was but preliminary to his famous and devastating "March to the Sea," through Georgia in 1864, in which the Thirty-eighth Ohio Regiment had honorable part. Elmer H. Struble with his regiment took part in most of the preliminary fighting that led to the siege of Atlanta and in the major battle of Jonesboro on August 31, 1864, upon the outcome of which battle depended the fate of Atlanta, and, ending as it did in a victory for the Union forces under General Sherman, it brought about the evacuation of Atlanta on the following day, September 1, 1864. Young Struble with his regiment subsequently took part in the Grand Review at Washington, District of Columbia, and was ultimately, on July 12, 1865, given an honorable discharge, soon after receiving which he returned to his home in York Township, Fulton county. There he followed agriculture industriously during the next decade, toward the end of which, in 1874, he married, and soon afterward settled upon an undeveloped tract in section 5 of York Township, which tract he had sometime previously acquired. The acreage was wholly in timber, and his early married life was therefore somewhat similar to what had been the experience of his father. He had to build for himself and to gradually clear the acreage. This he did to good purpose, subsequently acquiring an additional acreage and thus increasing his holding to seventy acres, fifty acres of which he brought into good cultivation. He farmed wisely, and was generally successful in dairying and cattle raising, and thus for many decades has been among the reliable and responsible agriculturists of that section of Fulton county.

Throughout his long residence in York Township, which might almost be considered his native place, seeing that he has lived in it since his first year, he has taken close interest in the public affairs of the township. Politcally he has given allegiance to the republican party, but has not concerned himself actively in national politics, excepting those that had bearing upon local conditions, but he has given support to most of the consequential public happenings in his community. Religiously he is a Methodist, and for very many years has been a member of the local church of that denomination. And he has given personal service to the church also, having been trustee and steward. Generally, he has lived a long and worthy life of useful activity. In 1917, however, being then seventy-four years old, he rented the greater portion of his farm, and has since taken life less strenuously.

He was married on December 17, 1874, to Alice, daughter of Charles and Thankful (Stone) Shreves, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Connecticut. Their daughter, however, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, where they lived at that time. The Shreves family later moved into Huron county, Ohio, and in the district schools of that county Alice (Shreves) Struble was educated. Mr. and Mrs. Struble are the parents of two children, daughters: Stella, who married Clyde Demaline, of York Township, and Nora, who lives with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Struble are within a few years of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and have very many friends throughout Fulton county.

William Segrist, who has been a responsible resident of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, for more than forty years, and is one of the successful farmers of that section of the county, comes of a family well-known in York Township. His brother, John Barnhart Segrist, lived for ninety-five years, more than sixty of which were spent in York Township, and some of his and his brother's children are now among the substantial farmers of the township.

William E. Segrist was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in May, 1829, the son of John and Agnes (Lautenschlager) Segrist, and he was but an infant when his parents brought the family to America, an adventurous voyage, for conditons of sea travel in those days were perilous for passengers, the importance of hygiene and sanitation not being at that time properly understood, with the consequence that in the congested quarters available on the passenger vessels of those days mortality among the voyagers was high. It affected the prospects of the Segrist family very materially, for within ten days of landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, John Segrist, the father, died of yellow fever, presumably contracted during the voyage. The children were left almost unprovided for, but the widow, Agnes (Lautenschlager) Segrist, appears to have been a woman of strong, self-reliant purpose, and for the next twenty years of her widowhood she owned a farm in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, which presumably she managed. With the aid of her husband's brother, who was a butcher in Philadelphia and assumed the care of one of her sons after the death of their father, she managed to rear into sturdy manhood and womanhood her children. After living in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, for about twenty years, the widow moved to Coshocton county, Ohio, where she died in about 1871. William Segrist had taken resolutely to farming and remained near his mother until her death, after which he moved to York Township, Fulton county, where his brother had a good farm. William Segrist had owned a farm in Coshocton county since 1860, when he married, but that farm he sold in 1882, and in the same year purchased one of 120 acres in York Township, which today is a good property, practically all cleared land. William Segrist, like his brother John B., was a very active man and a good farmer. He held steadily at farming occupations until 1904, he being then seventy-five years old. In that year he rented his farm in York Township, and has lived in comparative retirement since, although he still resides on the farm. In national and local politics William Segrist has been a democrat for the greater part of his voting years, and had held local office. For two years he served as supervisor of roads in his district. Religiously he is a Lutheran.

In 1857 he married Nancy Baad, daughter of Adam and Bar-

bara Baad, early settlers in Coshocton county, Ohio. She was born in Germany, but was brought to America, by her parents when young, and lived in Coshocton county, Ohio, until about middle age, when with her husband and children she took up residence in York Township, where she lived for thirty-four years, death coming to her in June, 1916. William and Nancy (Baad) Segrist were the parents of four children, John, Louis, Amanda and Sophia. Their two sons are enterprising farmers in York Township, and Sophia, their daughter, devotes herself to caring for her father in his old age.

ALBERT J. KLINE. One of the best known and most successful veterinarians of northwestern Ohio is Albert J. Kline of Wauseon, Fulton county. He has won success in life in a definite manner because he has persevered in pursuit of a worthy purpose, and is gaining thereby a most satisfactory reward. He is thoroughly qualified by training and experience for the important vocation which he follows, and has been successful to such a degree that he is favorably known over a wide radius of surrounding country.

Albert J. Kline was born in Henry county, Ohio, on December 30, 1872, and is the son of Abraham and Alice Jane (Gibbs) Kline. The Kline family is of German origin, the subject's great-great-grandfather, Joseph Kline, having come from the fatherland to America many decades ago, settling in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where he followed agricultural pursuits. His son, the subject's great-grandfather, also spent his life in the Keystone state, and followed the same vocation. He was the father of twenty-four children, having been married twice. His son, Joseph Kline, lived at Homestead, Pennsylvania, until 1849, when he came to Ohio, locating in Freedom Township, Henry county, making the trip in a wagon with his wife and children, among the latter being the subject's father, who at that time was but two years of age. The year following his arrival in Henry county his wife died, and was the first person buried in Kline Cemetery, Freedom Township, Henry county. He was the father of four children, two sons and two daughters. Abraham Kline was only twelve years of age when the Civil war came on, and he tried several times to enlist, but was refused on account of his youth. He spent his entire life in Henry county, where he owned a fine farm of 130 acres, his death occurring on January 8, 1917. His wife had passed away in April, 1894. Of their five children the subject of this sketch is the eldest.

Albert J. Kline received his educational training in the country schools of Henry county, the summer months being spent in work on his father's farm. He was fired with an ambition to devote his attention to professional work, and spent 1½ years as a student in the Wauseon Normal Academy. In 1892 he entered the Ontario Veterinary College, where he was graduated in 1894, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. Soon afterward he located in Hicksville, Ohio, and engaged in the practice of his profession until July 26, 1896, when he came to Wauseon, where he has been established in practice ever since. Later Doctor Kline took a post-graduate course in the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, and also took an advanced course in veterinary medicine. On February 7, 1893, he had received a diploma at the Toronto Veterinary Dental School, and in 1894 was made an honorary

member of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Society. He was admitted to practice by the Ohio State Board of Veterinary Examiners in July, 1897, and was admitted to practice in the State of Michigan in 1900. In 1899 he joined the American Veterinary Medical Association, and in 1908 joined the Ohio State Veterinary Association. He has practiced extensively in both Ohio and Michigan and, as before stated, has gained a wide acquaintance and an extensive practice throughout the surrounding country.

Doctor Kline is, aside from his professional interests, also engaged in the breeding and raising of live stock, his favorite breed being Holstein cattle, in which he has met with pronounced success. He is an active member of the Holstein-Friesan Association. He is also, and has been for twelve years, a director of the Fulton County Agricultural Association, and has been an important factor in the success of these annual exhibitions.

On June 8, 1898, Doctor Kline was married to Lizzie E. Swingle, the daughter of Franklin Swingle, of Hicksville, Ohio. Politically he is an ardent republican, while fraternally he is a member of Wauseon Lodge No. 349, Free and Accepted Masons, at Wauseon, and in the Scottish Rite branch of Freemasonry he has attained to the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, being affiliated with Zenobia Temple at Toledo, and is a member of the Lodge of Knights of Pythias at Wauseon. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While devoted to his profession and engaged in the prosecution of his chosen work, the doctor has not been neglectful of his duties to the community and is numbered among the public-spirited and progressive citizens of Wauseon, giving his support to every movement for the advancement of the community along material, civic or moral lines.

C. A. Cole. It is by no means an easy task to describe within the limits of this review a man who has led an active life and by his own exertions reached a position of honor and trust in the lines of work with which his interests are allied. But biography finds justification, nevertheless, in tracing the record of such a life, as the public claims a certain property interest in the career of every individual and the time invariably arrives when it becomes advisable to give the right publicity. It is, then, with a certain degree of satisfaction that the chronicler essays the task of touching briefly upon such a record as has been that of Doctor Cole, one of the men of high standing and influence in Fulton county, who professionally long ranked with the leading dentists of this locality and who in other lines has also gained a reputation as an enterprising and progressive citizen.

C. A. Cole was born in Crystal Valley Township, Oceana county, Michigan, on September 5, 1868, and bears the unique distinction of having been the first white child born in that township, of which section his parents were among the early settlers. His parents were Griffin and Ida (Hager) Cole, the former of whom was of English descent, though the family has been established in America for many generations. Griffin Cole was born and reared in Pennsylvania, the family home being close to the New York state line, where he followed agricultural pursuits. Sometime after his marriage he and his wife went to Michigan and established a home in

the woods of Oceana county, but a few miles from Lake Michigan. When the subject of this sketch was about two years old the family came to Fulton county, Ohio, locating in Dover Township, where he was reared to manhood. He was early inured to the labors of the farm, to which he gave his attention during the summer seasons and attended the district schools during the winter months. After completing his common school education he attended the Wauseon Normal School for ten weeks, and also spent one winter as a student in the Fayette Normal School. During all this time his vacation periods were invariably spent on the home farm, but when twenty-one years of age he went to work for his uncle, W. D. Hager, being employed to drive trotting horses at the county fairs in Ohio. After two years with his uncle he decided to take up the dental profession, and to this end he matriculated in the Ohio College of Dentistry, where he was graduated in 1892, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately thereafter he went to Angola, Indiana, and there engaged in the practice of his profession, remaining there ten years. In 1901 Doctor Cole came to Wauseon and opened a dental office, but a few years afterward was compelled to relinquish the active practice on account of continued ill health. He then turned his attention to agriculture and stockraising, buying two farms, comprising 272 acres all together, on which he engaged in general farming. He gave considerable attention to the breeding and raising of registered cattle and blooded Duroc hogs, in which he met with gratifying success. He is now retired from active farming, having rented his farms.

Politically, Doctor Cole is a republican and takes a deep interest in public affairs, especially as affecting his community. He rendered efficient service as probation officer of Fulton county for eight years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a trustee for sixteen years.

In 1892 Doctor Cole was married to Mayme Clark, the daughter of Andrew B. and Ellen (Cuff) Clark, of Wauseon, and to them have been born two sons, Charles J., born in 1901, who graduated from the Wauseon High School and is now a student at the Michigan State University, Ann Arbor, and Richard Sterling, born in 1908.

In both professional and farming circles Doctor Cole has enjoyed a high standing, and because of his success and his high personal character he enjoys the confidence and regard of the entire community.

Reasin Isaiah Tedrow. Having acquired ownership of the fifty-five acres of land he owns and operates in Clinton Township, on the outskirts of Wauseon, Reasin Isaiah Tedrow feels that he has reaped a fair profit from his industry and thrift, while at the same time he realizes he has held the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

Reasin Isaiah Tedrow was born in the township in which he resides in 1857, a son of Isaiah and Phoebe (Cornell) Tedrow, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Tedrow, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania at an early day, and bought 320 acres of land near what is now called Tedrow, and there he rounded out his useful life, dying on his farm. In recognition of his value to his neighborhood the town of Tedrow was named in his

honor. Isaac Tedrow reared a family of nine children, of whom Isaiah Tedrow was one, and he spent his life on his father's homestead.

Reasin Isaiah Tedrow was one of two children born to his parents, and he was reared in Clinton Township and attended its rural schools until he reached his majority, according to the prevailing practice, being engaged in farming during the summers of these years when he was acquiring his education. After he was twenty-one he worked on the farm of a neighbor for a year.

In 1879 Mr. Tedrow was united in marriage with Columbia Bland, of Pettisville, who died three months later. In 1882 Mr. Tedrow was married to Cora Pocock, a daughter of Jesse and Susanne (Robinett) Pocock, of Clinton Township. Mr. Tedrow has three children, namely: Bessie, who is Mrs. L. D. Fauver, of Dixon, Ohio, and the mother of five children; Jesse Frank, who was born in 1891, married Lavina Ziegler, lives in Clinton Township, but has no children; and William, who was born in 1894, is at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Tedrow was engaged in farming on shares for two years, and in 1880 bought his present farm of fifty-five acres, on which he carries on general farming. He has made many improvements on this property, which under his care has become a valuable one, and his premises show the results of his efforts.

While he holds in general to the principles of the republican party, he prefers to vote independently, making his choice with reference to the man, rather than be tied down by hard and fast lines. The First Methodist Episcopal Church holds his membership, and he is accounted one of its pillars. His fraternal connections are represented by his membership with Wauseon Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. A hard-working and thrifty man, he has steadily forged ahead and has become one of the well-to-do men of his community. While not inclined to go headlong into anything until he has made a thorough investigation, once he is convinced of its merit he will support a measure until it is carried through to successful completion. This fact is recognized by his neighbors, and if he is quoted as favoring a project, proves to them that it is a reasonable one and worth taking up, and a number depend upon his judgment with reference to public matters.

Henry James Dowling. While he is of Irish ancestry, Henry James Dowling of the North Star Farm in Fulton, was born May 8, 1865, and has always lived at one place. While his father, James Dowling, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, his mother, Mary (Bracken) Dowling, was born in Kings county, Ireland. A generation earlier the Dowlings and Brackens were all from Ireland.

Daniel and Catharine (Bracken) Dowling and John and Bridget (Tobin) Bracken, the quartet of grandparents of H. J. Dowling were all from Ireland. When they came to the United States the Dowlings settled in Trumbull and the Brackens in Fulton county. The Dowlings located in Trumbull county in 1840, and ten years later they came to Fulton county. They bought land and here James Dowling and Mary Bracken were married, and here their son was born. His time of life was from 1834 to 1915, while she was born in 1829, and died in 1903—residents of the community where the son lives today.

H. J. Dowling had one sister who died in infancy, leaving him to inherit the property—the family homestead known as the North Star Farm. He was the only heir to a farm of 260 acres of excellent land, with two sets of farm buildings on it. In 1912 Mr. Dowling built a modern eleven-room house, and he has built and rebuilt farm buildings until he now has all up-to-date improvements.

In April, 1903, Mr. Dowling married Rose Bertha Dennis. She is a daughter of Philip and Eunice (Welch) Dennis. While she was born in Fulton county her father was born in Seneca and her mother in Lucas county. The grandparents, Charles and Margaret (Case) Welch, lived in New Jersey before locating in Ohio.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dowling are: J. Harold, Walter E., Mildred L., Dean F., Stanley L., and Ferol C. The family belong to the Caraghan Catholic Church, and since 1910 Mr. Dowling has been a member of the church council. Beside common school education he studied at the Fayette Normal School. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus of Toledo. The Dowling vote is cast with the democratic party.

As this record shows, the Dowlings have been in Fulton county for seventy years. Mr. H. J. Dowling is distinguished not only by the ownership of one of the most completely equipped and thoroughly modern farms in the county, but also by a constant exercise of his personal influence in behalf of community progress, advancement of church and moral causes, and his record is one of which his immediate and more remote descendants will always be proud.

William Sattler, of Fulton Township, has only recently lived in Fulton county. He was born April 23, 1872, in Wood county, at Perrysburg. He is a son of Philip and Genevieve (Volk) Sattler, both immigrants from Germany. They were married in Medina county, but soon removed to Wood county. They both died in Wood county.

William Sattler continued his residence in Wood county, and on August 21, 1895, he married Anna Haas, of Wood county. She is a daughter of Frank and Anna (Ault) Haas. Her parents came from Germany. Mr. Sattler rented a farm in Troy Township, Wood county, and lived on it six years. He bought a farm near Perrysburg and remained there seven years. When he sold it he removed to Fulton county, where he bought unimproved land and cleared and improved it. He owns 120 acres and he cleared thirty-five acres, giving him ninety acres of cultivated farm land with some in timber and pasture.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sattler are: William, of Amboy; Paul, of Fulton; and Floyd, Lillian, Genevieve, Richard, Agnes, Peter, Victoria, Boniface, Cecil and a boy and girl who died in infancy. The family are Catholics, and Mr. Sattler votes with the democrats.

John W. Dennis, of Fulton Township, was born September 12, 1870, and he has always lived in one community. He is a son of Philip and Eunice (Welch) Dennis, both natives of Ohio. They settled near the Fulton-Lucas county line. Their children are: Mary and Jane, deceased; Madison, of Swanton; and Ella, wife of Uriah Denlinger, of Kansas. The second group of children are: Georgia, wife of Frank Crippen, of Findlay; Jessie, wife of Frank

Warner, of Buckley; John W. Dennis, of this sketch, and Rosa, wife of Henry Dowling, of Fulton Township.

On February 11, 1896, Mr. Dennis married Eva Coon, of Spencer Township, Lucas county. She is a daughter of Almon and Mary Ann (Cunningham) Coon, the father from New York and the mother from Wayne county, Ohio. After two years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis moved to their own farm of 178 acres in Fulton Township. He cleared and tiled the land and now has 140 acres under cultivation. Beside general farming Mr. Dennis has a Holstein dairy.

The Dennis children are: Enid, born June 26, 1897, and died December 24, 1898; Philip, born October 25, 1899, at home; Hazel, born August 14, 1902; Fern, born July 6, 1906, died December 25, 1906; and Vern, born February 23, 1910. Mr. Dennis has a ten-room house with bath and furnace heat and electric lights. He votes with the republican party.

While he has always lived in one community, Mr. Dennis' life has not been without variety and has been expressed in hard work, progressive advancement in material prosperity, and the accumulation of the esteem and respect of his friends and neighbors.

Frederick Graedel, of Amboy, was born August 24, 1847, in Switzerland. His first introduction to the United States was six weeks spent in a hospital. When he was able to work he went to Louisville, Kentucky, for a few months. He was a journeyman at the brick and stone mason's trade, and worked in several different states before he finally settled down to the quiet life of a farmer.

In July, 1889, Mr. Graedel married Elizabeth Messer, who was also from Switzerland. She is a daughter of John and Barbara Messer, who came to Woodville, Ohio, in 1857, and there is where Mr. Graedel met her. His own relatives did not come to the United States. For five years Mr. Graedel conducted an ashery in Woodville, and then he moved to a farm near Woodville, where he remained twelve years. Then he bought a forty acre place in Harris Township, Ottawa county. He occupied this farm six years, when he sold it and located in Amboy Township, Fulton county.

Mr. Graedel remodeled and added to the improvements in Amboy and he now has a farm with every advantage. For years he would work at bricklaying and stonemasonry at times, but now he devotes his whole time to the farm. He makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs along with general farming and other livestock.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Graedel are: Elizabeth, Bertha and Frederick John. Mr. and Mrs. Graedel had their education in Switzerland. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he votes with the republican party. He is a member of the National Union and Council.

William Leiska. While the Leiska name harks back to Germany, the family located in Ottawa county, Ohio, as early as 1883. William Leiska, of Amboy, was born near Berlin March 3, 1873, and he was quite young when his parents immigrated to the United States. He is a son of William and Willamena (Schumebeck) Leiska, who immigrated to America and died in Ottawa county, Ohio.

William Leiska married Ida Lacumska, November 23, 1904, in Ottawa county, Ohio. She is a daughter of August and Willamena

(Reginski) Lacumska, also an immigrant family from Germany. When he was twelve Mr. Leiska began working in a sawmill, and remained there four years. When he was twenty-five he went to Wisconsin and worked eighteen months on the railroad, when he returned to Ottawa county. He remained there on a farm seven years, when he sold it and located in Fulton county.

Mr. Leiska bought land in Amboy and finished clearing and improving it. He started with seventy-four acres and added to it until he now has nearly ninety-five acres, and aside from a few acres in timber and pasture it is all under cultivation. The Leiska children are: Reinhard August, Ernest William and George Edward. Mr. Leiska and his wife went to common school and had special studies in German. They belong to the German Lutheran Church, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875 of Metamora.

Jacob Klein. It was in 1875 that Jacob and Magdalena Klein came from Kiesterburch, Prussia, in Germany and located in Amboy. In another biographical sketch is the story that a colony of Prussians was planted in that community, and Jacob Klein of Amboy, is the second Jacob Klein of Amboy Township. He was born April 26, 1871, and was four years old when the family left Germany. He is the oldest child.

Jacob Klein, Sr., bought sixty acres, with about twenty-five acres cleared, when he reached the wilds of Amboy. He has added to the farm until there are now 200 acres of excellent farming land, in two separate groups of bodies. There are enough work in clearing, draining and improving the land, but when he died April 17, 1915, he had accumulated sufficient of "this world's goods" to make him very comfortable. The widow lives in Metamora. Their children are: Jacob; Peter of Fulton Township; Wendell, of Van Buren county, Michigan; and Edward, of Amboy. Children deceased are: John, Nicholas, Louis, Randolph and Lena. Four are living, five are dead and there was only one girl among them.

Jacob Klein, Jr., always lived with his parents, assisting them in every way until St. Valentine's Day of the Century year, February 14, 1900, when he married Anna Gerten, of Rab, Lucas county. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Herr) Gerten, another immigrant family, the father coming from Germany, but the mother was born in Lucas county. Mrs. Klein passed away December 4, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Klein at once took up their residence on an eighty acre farm he had acquired the previous year. It was almost all cleared, and he had made the improvements himself. He tiled and fenced and rebuilt some improvements, and he has added to the farm until there are now 225 acres all in one body. Mr. Klein has fed and marketed a great many cattle, and he has a Holstein dairy herd at the present time.

The Klein children of this generation are: Louis E., born December 1, 1900; William P., born July 29, 1902; Arnold W., born January 14, 1904; Harold R., born March 24, 1906; Leon J., born February 5, 1908; Maynard J., born August 29, 1910; Vincent S., born August 8, 1912; Rosella M., born September 6, 1914; and Ursula M., born June 28, 1916. Mr. Klein is a democrat, and for eighteen years he has been a school director. He is interested in

the good roads question and has been road superintendent two terms. The Kleins are communicants in St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church at Caraghan.

The son of a pioneer, Jacob Klein has exhibited many of the best characteristics of those who did the pioneer work of reclaiming Fulton county from the wilderness. His mature life covers a span of three decades, and in that time an enormous volume of useful work has been rolled up to his credit. His farm is one of the best in the county, and that taken in connection with the good citizenship and the active part he has taken in local affairs, make a record of achievement that any man would be proud to possess.

ANDREW STRONG deserves success because he has always been a hard worker, has gone out and sought opportunities rather than waiting for them to come to him, and as a consequence, while still by no means an old man, is able to take life at leisure and merely supervise the fine farm where he lives in Amboy Township.

Mr. Strong was born in Fulton Township February 18, 1854. He is a son of Hiram and Sophia Ann (Johnson) Strong. His father, a native of New York state, left home when a young man and came west to Michigan, but moved soon afterward to Fulton county, where he married and settled down to farming in Fulton Township. He died in Pike Township August 29, 1890, his widow surviving him until February 12, 1910. By a previous marriage he had two daughters, while by her union with Hiram Strong there were seven children.

Andrew Strong attended the district schools of his home locality, and from the age of sixteen until his marriage at twenty-four he was gaining experience, making a reputation for industry, also providing for his living expenses by working as a hired hand on farms. After his marriage he rented for two years in Fulton Township. He then bought a house and lot in that section and for seventeen years was busily engaged in buying, butchering and selling livestock. In the meantime he acquired fifty-one acres of timber land in section 19 of Amboy Township, and in 1893 moved to that place and undertook the heavy task of clearing and developing. All but twenty-four acres of his splendid farm today is under cultivation, the rest being reserved for timber pasture. He has added to his land until his home farm now contains 117 acres. Its improvements are of the highest class, comprising a large brick house, barns and complete facilities for the business carried on. Mr. Strong has not considered himself in the class of active farmers since 1907, though he is busy every day, and personally looks after the management of his land.

February 10, 1878, he married Nancy Haynes, who was born in Fulton Township, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Berry) Haynes. They are the parents of four children: E. J., of Metamora; Frank M., of Columbus, Ohio; Zina, at home; and Zera, whose husband, Roscoe Sullins, is the practical man in charge of the operations of the Strong farm.

Mr. Strong has been quite active and prominent in local affairs, serving as township trustee seven years, and nine years as clerk of the School Board. He is a republican and a member of the Gleaners in Amboy Township.

EDWARD A. OTTGEN. Just one generation from the German immigrant, Edward A. Ottgen of Amboy was born there in July, the American Centennial Year. He is a son of John C. and Fannie (Schwen) Ottgen. The father came from Germany and the mother from Switzerland. John C. Ottgen was born August 10, 1839, in Prussia, Germany. His parents were Simon and Louise Ottgen. In 1844 they moved to the United States and settled in Huron county, Ohio. About two years later they removed to the wilds of Amboy in territorial days in Fulton county. It was in 1846 that John C. Ottgen bought a tract of timber land and busied himself clearing it.

When Mr. Ottgen had chopped off space he built his cabin home, and here they ended their days. Their children are: Henrietta Lutz, of Toledo; Christian, of Amboy; Edward A., of Amboy, Elizabeth, wife of Charles White, of Chico, California; Margaret, wife of Henry Smith, of Blissfield; Ollie, wife of William Cook, of Fulton; and Katie, wife of Charles Bagoon, of Bowling Green.

Although a German immigrant escaping military duty in Germany, John C. Ottgen enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served the country of his adoption three years. At the end of the service he met with an accident, a broken arm, and it always troubled him. He died June 26, 1914. There were but two acres cleared when Mr. Ottgen settled on an eighty acre farm rented from his father. He built a log house on it, and before many years he had purchased all the shares in it.

John C. Ottgen died with cancer on his lip, suffering more than three years from it. He married Fannie Schwen December 19, 1867. She was born December 19, 1846, in Switzerland, and the day she was twenty-one she became a bride in America. She was a daughter of Alexander and Anna (Len) Schwen. In 1850 they located in Spencer Township, Lucas county. They later lived in Richfield. He died in 1889, as a result of an accident, and she died ten years later. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ottgen are: Anna Albertina, wife of Frank Ottgen, of Amboy; Edward Alexander, of Amboy; Ora C., who married Alta M. Mills and resides in Amboy at the old homestead.

Edward A. Ottgen married Ethel E. Mills March 25, 1904. She is a daughter of William and Serena (Carpenter) Mills and was born in Ogden Township, Lenawee county, Michigan. The father is a native of the Wolverine state while the mother is from England. Mr. Ottgen owned a threshing outfit in partnership with Clare Champion, and for eighteen years they served the community in threshing season. He combined threshing with general farming, but in 1910 they disposed of the threshing outfit and engaged in the automobile repair business, having a garage at the farmstead.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ottgen are: Mildred Orlena and Leota Rosamond. The Ottgen family vote has been with the republican party. They are members of the Reformed Church and for many years J. C. Ottgen was an elder. For fifteen years he was Sunday School superintendent. E. A. Ottgen is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875 of Metamora, and of the Ancient Order of Gleaners of Whitesville.

JOHN PETER SHAFFER. While John Peter Shaffer, of Amboy, is Ohio born, his ancestry came to the United States under cir-

cumstances out of the ordinary. Mr. Shaffer was born February 24, 1855, at Upper Sandusky. He is a son of Henry and Julia (Ottgen) Shaffer. They were from Prussia and came from Germany with a colony seeking a home in the United States. They were married in Prussia, and in the winter of 1855 they reached America in time for their son to be a native born citizen of the United States.

The Prussian colony traveled directly to Maumee, and a land agent met them there and escorted them through the woods to Amboy Township, only five years after the organization of Fulton county. On the way from Maumee the travelers blazed the trees so they could find their way back to civilization. The colony, however, bought a tract of land and only returned to Maumee for their families and household goods. The next western journey was made with ox teams, and the Prussians were in Amboy Township to live there. They cut a space in the timber and built a large log house in the clearing, where they all lived together until the different families could build cabins for themselves. The land was divided among the colonists, and Henry Shaffer, who founded the house of Shaffer in Amboy, received fifty-three acres to his portion.

When Mr. Shaffer first lived in the wilds of Amboy he walked to Maumee many times with a sack of corn to have it ground into meal in order to furnish food to his family. He would fill a two bushel sack half full of meal and start on the long walk home again. The men and the women of the colony all worked in the clearings until finally the men had an opportunity of working on the railroad to earn some money and the women went on with clearing the land and planting crops in order to have food for their families. The pioneers knew many hardships the young people of today do not understand at all. It was not the high cost of living, but the problem of something to eat at any price or sacrifice. Would the men and women of this day and generation survive the test that was given the forefathers in the wilderness country?

Mr. Shaffer added to his place until he had 132 acres of land, and he died there surrounded with comforts. He died May 30, 1889, far from the land of his birth, at the age of sixty-seven. She died there February 5, 1913, aged eighty-seven years. Their children are: Evelyn, the wife of Elisha Barneby, of Lyons; John Peter Shaffer; Thomas, of Toledo; and Minerva, wife of Fred Jeffries, of Toledo.

On February 20, 1881, John Peter Shaffer married Isabelle Snyder. She is a daughter of Jonas and Susannah (Hostder) Snyder, the father from Pennsylvania and the mother from Holmes county. For one year they lived in the Shaffer home with his parents, and then they moved into another house and worked part of the same farm. At the end of two years they moved to the Snyder farm in Fulton Township. They lived there three years and returned to the Shaffer farm in Amboy and remained six years as a tenant on the farm owned by his father. They then bought a farm in Fulton Township, remaining there three years, when they moved to a farm in Swan Creek Township they had owned for eight years.

Mr. Shaffer remained three years in Swan Creek Township, when they removed to Swanton. They remained one year in Swanton and lived again in Amboy. While he bought forty acres, he inherited part of the Shaffer homestead and lived there. He bought out other heirs and the old homestead is still in the family name.

The buildings are in good condition, and a modern residence is the plan for the early part of 1920—a place to hold them the rest of their days. It is called "The Popple Grove Farm." Mr. Shaffer has registered Holstein cattle and operates a farm dairy. He is also a breeder of thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs.

The Shaffer children are: Claud, who died at the age of four and one half years; Harry, aged twenty-seven, who met an accidental death December 25, 1918; Hollis E., who is the active farmer at "Popple Grove Farm." He spent twelve months as a sergeant in a truck company in France and Germany.

Mr. Shaffer votes the republican ticket and frequently serves on the election board. He has been a member of the Board of Education for twelve years. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the community.

Frank Ottgen. Although born in Amboy, December 2, 1872, Frank Ottgen is a son of German immigrants. His father, Christian Ottgen, was born in Germany. When a young man he came to the United States. His mother was Lana Hable. They now live in Amboy. When Frank Ottgen was twenty-one he worked the home place for two years and then he worked for others.

Mr. Ottgen married in September, 1902, Anna Ottgen, a daughter of John and Fannie (Sween) Ottgen. They were also German immigrants. After his marriage Frank Ottgen bought a farm of fifty-three acres in Amboy and improved it. He has put up barns and remodeled the house and made many improvements. He is a general farmer, combining livestock with agriculture.

Mr. Ottgen has one daughter, Lela, born July 27, 1905. He was educated in the district school and votes with the republican party.

Samuel L. Rice. There is a Michigan side to the life story of Samuel L. Rice of Metamora. He was born September 7, 1877, at Ogden, Michigan. He is a son of George W. and Lillie (Gestwite) Rice. The father was born at Ogden while the mother was born at Metamora. The paternal grandparents, Samuel L. and Margaret (Sebring) Rice, of New York, were very early settlers in Lenawee county, and Samuel and Harriet Gestwite were early residents of Fulton county. The Michigan-Ohio line does not interfere with social relations between Lenawee and Fulton county citizens.

When George Rice was married he settled in Ogden Township on a farm, and it is still his place of residence. Samuel L. Rice, of Metamora, is the oldest son. His sister Harriet is the wife of E. J. Bryant, of Sand Creek, Dover Township, Lenawee county. Mr. Bryant is senator from Lenawee county to the Michigan Legislature. Another sister, Elise, is the wife of Eugene Wootring of Ogden, and Hazel is the wife of Lloyd Lathrop of Burkey, Ohio.

S. L. Rice was educated in high school at Blissfield, Michigan. He taught school two years in Ogden Township. He worked two years in a grain elevator at Blissfield, and in 1903 he came to Metamora. He helped organize and became business manager of the Metamora Elevator Company. The company deals in all kinds of grains, seeds, salt, feed and flour. It has been a profitable business enterprise, receiving excellent patronage from the community.

On Christmas day, 1907, Mr. Rice married Laura Champion, of

Amboy. She is a daughter of LaClair and Julia (Conklin) Champion, and she had always lived in Amboy Township. Mr. Rice has one daughter, Virgiwin, born September 13, 1913. The family belong to the Methodist Church and he is a steward and superintendent of the Sunday School. His early educational advantages fitted him for such work in the community.

Mr. Rice is a republican and has served as village treasurer in Metamora for four years, and since 1915 he has been president of the School Board. In a fraternal way Mr. Rice is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 875, of Metamora, and a Mason in Lyons Chapter and Council of Wauseon. He is a member of the Grange at Ogden, Michigan. He is serving his second term as a chairman of the Arbitration Committee of the National Grain Dealers' Association.

Hartwin H. Tredway, cashier of the Home Savings Bank of Metamora, was a member of the banking firm when it was organized in 1901. He had only reached his majority. He was born November 8, 1880, in Richfield Township, Lucas county. He is a son of Horace and Anna (Collins) Tredway. Horace Tredway was born in Riga Township, Lenawee county, Michigan, and Anna Collins was born in New York. Mr. Tredway supplemented his common school education by attending the Fayette Normal and the Northern Ohio University at Ada. He became cashier in a banking house of which E. S. Davoll was president, and his father, Horace Tredway was vice president. Charles J. Malone is the assistant cashier.

On September 3, 1903, Mr. Tredway married Elsie Garnsey, of Metamora. She is a daughter of James H. and Catharine (Marshall) Garnsey, the parents having come from New York to Ohio. The children are: Marion, Beryl and Lucile. Mr. Tredway is a steward in the Metamora Methodist Episcopal Church and a teacher in the Sunday School.

Since 1907 Mr. Tredway has been the Amboy Township treasurer, and he has served as mayor of Metamora. While he was mayor there were street improvements made that have added to the pleasure of living in the community. Mr. Tredway is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875 of Metamora and of the Free and Accepted Masons No. 434 of Lyons.

Twenty years a banker, Mr. Tredway has kept in close touch with the financial and industrial affairs of his community and has made his personal service and the service of his institution of far-reaching value and good to the interests it serves. The people of Metamora and the surrounding district have a high regard for his qualifications as a business man, and they also appreciate the good work he has done as an officer of the town and township.

Frank Lawrence Simon, of Metamora, born September 6, 1888, son of Jacob and Catharine (Gillen) Simon. The father and mother came from St. Wendell, Germany, locating in Amboy in 1880; and he died there September 29, 1909. Their children are: Elizabeth, widow of Jacob Welter, of Lucas county; Kate, who is a trained nurse; Lena, wife of Adelbert Knight, of Blissfield, Michigan; Frank; Mary, wife of John Van Ama, LaGrange, Indiana; Nicholas, of Amboy; Rosa, a Sister of Charity,

Mercy Hospital, Toledo; Veronica, a public school teacher, La-Grange, Indiana; Lucy, wife of Arthur Zink, Lucas county; Pauline, of Burkey; Barbara, public school teacher of Adrian, Michigan; and Frank Lawrence.

From the time he was twenty-one years old F. L. Simon rented from others until 1916, when he moved to the Simon homestead and has since then farmed for his mother. On January 8, 1919, he married Catharine Conolly, of Toledo. She is a daughter of John and Catharine (Roach) Conolly. They live at the family homestead in Amboy.

Mr. Simon was educated in public school in Metamora, and the family are communicants in the Catholic Church, St. Mary's of the Assumption at Caraghan. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus No. 386, of Toledo, and he is a trustee in the lodge of the Catholic Knights of Ohio at Caraghan. Mr. Simon votes the republican ticket. He was born in a presidential election year.

Norval D. Fouty, an esteemed and worthy farmer in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, from early manhood until his death, which occurred on March 23, 1914, lived a life of useful industrious purpose, and both in private and public affairs he was esteemed for his manly, upright steady life, during which he gained an enviable reputation for material and moral integrity. His family record deserves good place in this history of Fulton county, for his grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers in Clinton Township.

Norval D. Fouty was the son of Stephen F. and Charlotta (Haines) Fouty, and grandson of William Fouty, the pioneer, who came into Fulton county in about 1851. He acquired a tract of virgin timber land, eighty acres in extent, in Clinton Township, and resolutely applied himself to the task of clearing it and converting it from wild forest land into a tillable acreage. His son Stephen F., father of Norval D., was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, and after he had married moved from his parents' farm in Clinton Township to one of his own in York Township. The farm was only of twenty acres, situated in section 6 of York Township, but he had a further fourteen acres beyond the border line, in Clinton Township, and upon this York Township farm his son Norval D. was born. There the family lived until 1872, when Stephen F. Fouty traded it for a forty acre farm in timber in the same township, deeding this to his sons, Norval and Theodore. Stephen F. Fouty takes honorable place among the patriots of the Civil war, and it is singular to note that he served in the same regiment as did the father of Dora O. Raker, who eventually married his son Norval, neither of whom, however, were born until some years after the soldierly comradeship of their respective fathers. Charlotta Haines, wife of Stephen F. Fouty, was born in Medina county, Ohio, and died on December 28, 1868, only a few years after she had married. To her and to her husband were born two children, sons, Norval D., of whom further is written, and Theodore, who now lives in Wauseon, Ohio. Altogether the actions of Stephen F. Fouty during a long life indicated that he was a man of worthy character and loyal heart. He passed away January 20, 1917.

Norval D. Fouty was born in York Township, Fulton county, on January 18, 1866, and was not three years old at the time of his mother's death. Still he had a fond father, who took good

care of him, and of his younger brother, Theodore. They both attended the district school during their boyhood years, and as they grew took increasing part in the work of the parental farm. In 1891 he married, and soon afterward bought his brother's right to his portion of the farm, sixteen acres of which at that time had been cleared. He cleared the whole of the land of timber, and eventually brought it all into good cultivation. He built all the buildings that are now upon the farm, and raised the fertility of the acreage to a satisfactory degree, gaining substantial return in general farming, in dairying and in hog raising. He acquired an additional twenty acres in 1902, and subsequently a further eleven acres in Clinton Township, proving himself to be an efficient, industrious and enterprising agriculturist. He died on March 23, 1914, since which time his widow and their son have managed to keep the property in satisfactory cultivation. Norval D. Fouty was well respected in his own district, especially by those who knew him well. He was a man of strong characteristics and a factor of influence in the township. He showed commendable interest in public movements that concerned the community, and was honored by his fellow farmers, who elected him master of the Grange at Westboro, Ohio. He also took office under the local administration, being for some time road supervisor. Politically he gave allegiance to the republican party, although he did not enter actively into national political campaigns. Fraternally he belonged to the Knights of Pythias Order, a member of the Wauseon, Ohio, Lodge.

The marriage of Norval D. Fouty and Dora O. Raker was solemnized on August 19, 1891. She was the daughter of Oliver and Martha (Dumaresq) Raker, and was born in York Township, Fulton county, on December 24, 1868. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war, an honored man of York Township. She attended the Toughmatch district school, and for one term attended Fayette public school. Eventually she entered the teaching profession, and for ten terms taught in the district schools of York and Swan Creek Townships of Fulton county. She is a woman of high attainments and much refinement, and has very many friends in Fulton county. Since the death of her husband she has resided on her husband's property in York Township, but expects soon to move into the City of Wauseon, Ohio, where she owns a residential property. Norval D. and Dora O. (Raker) Fouty were the parents of two children, only one of whom, however, is now living. Their elder child, a daughter, Anna Louise, died in infancy, her birth occurring in 1894, and her death in 1896. Their second and surviving child is their son Grant, born in February, 1896. He has grown into reliable, responsible manhood, has married, and has taken over the direction of his father's farming properties. He married Frances Bresler, daughter of Henry W. and Eva (Elder) Bresler. She was born in Wood county, Ohio, September 20, 1893, and is now herself a mother, having borne to her husband a daughter, Catherine Louise, on August 12, 1918.

Another member of the household of Norval D. and Dora O. (Raker) Fouty was Martha Hester Raker, niece of Mrs. Fouty. She was born April 1, 1908, and has lived with her aunt since September, 1911, having been given a home soon after her parents' death.

JOHN W. SCHAMP, a well-to-do and respected farmer of York Township, where the family is of record since 1854, comes of a pioneer family of southern Ohio.

He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, August 20, 1851, the son of Henry G. and Catherine (Batdorff) Schamp, and grandson of George Schamp, who was the first of the family to take up residence in Ohio, although the Schamps were of much earlier record in New Jersey. The grandfather was born in New Jersey. They were living in New Jersey, when Henry G., father of John W., was born, but they were early residents in Ohio. Henry G. Schamp married Catherine Batdorff, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and soon afterward they settled in Holmes county, on the border line of Wayne county, Ohio, but on April 10, 1854, they took up undeveloped land in York Township, Fulton county. The eighty acres Henry G. Schamp purchased was all virgin timber land, and he cleared it all with the exception of six acres. Later he purchased an additional thirty acres, which he improved. Both he and his wife died in York Township, and most of his children were born in the township. And the family has had good part in the development of the township, and vicinity. Henry G. and Catherine (Batdorff) Schamp were the parents of seven children: James, a well-known farmer of York Township; John W., of whom more is written hereafter; Ellen, who died in infancy; David, who died at the age of twenty-five years; George, now of York Township; Mary, who lives in Wauseon, the wife of Frank Moyer, of that city; and Lucy Ella, who married William Kline, of York Township.

John W. Schamp was not yet three years old when his parents came to York Township, and he has spent the greater part of his life in the township. He attended the Batdorff district school, and while still at school gave much of his time to farm work on the home estate. During the long summer vacations he steadily applied himself to such of the farming tasks as he had the strength to undertake, and was in many ways very useful to his father. After leaving school he remained at home, giving all his time to his father until he was twenty-one years old, when he went to work for his brother, who was independently established as a farmer in York Township. Three years later he himself took the responsibility of independent farming, renting a moderately good farm in York Township. He was twenty-eight years old when he married, and for some time thereafter he continued to live on the farm he had rented. And there by industry, ability as a farmer, and general steadiness of purpose he accumulated sufficient capital to acquire a good property in section 21 of York Township. The farm consisted of eighty acres of improved land, although the buildings were not in very good condition or adequate. However, in course of time John W. Schamp remodeled the house, and barns, erected a new granary, and in many other ways considerably improved the property, which is known as the Maple Leaf Farm. He farmed the acreage steadily and with good success until 1894, early in which year he rented the farm and moved to Toledo, Ohio, where for the next six years he was in the employ of the Wilson Spice Company of that city. In 1900 he again took over the direction of his farm in York Township. He continued to live in the city, however, and to concurrently keep his farm in good cultivation until 1910, when he again returned to York Township to reside. There

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he has since lived on his farm, steadily farming, although not as strenuously as was once his habit. He has no need to, having reached a satisfactory condition of material possessions. Still, he is characteristically an energetic man, and would not be content with an idle life. His farm is a good property, and he maintains a moderate sized dairy.

On February 29, 1879, he married Sarah J. Berkebile, who was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, daughter of Aaron and Louisa (Horner) Berkebile, both of whom were natives of Cambria county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Schamp's mother died when she was only five years old, and four years later the family came to York Township, Ohio, where her father bought a farm. He was a resident in York Township for almost fifty years, as he lived until October, 1912, and during his long association with people of York Township gained for himself many sincere friends. His daughter Sarah, who married John W. Schamp, Sr., began her education in the primary school of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, but the greater part of her schooling was obtained in the Koos District School of York Township. Mr. and Mrs. Schamp are the parents of three children: Kathryn E., who has remained with her parents; George W., now in successful business in Toledo, Ohio; Harold Glenn, who is now at home, and gives his time to the affairs of the home farm. During the recent war he enlisted in the United States Army, and gained a commission as lieutenant, serving as such in Camp Lee, Virginia, preparatory to crossing the sea.

James Dickson was born on his present farm, section 4, Pike Township, May 15, 1843, a son of James and Eliza (Dixon) Dickson, natives of Maryland and New Jersey, respectively.

James Dickson was a printer by trade, and worked at it in New York City, New York, Baltimore, Maryland, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the meanwhile he had married. In 1839 his health failed him and he was advised to engage in a calling less dangerous than typesetting, and one which would take him into the open. Naturally he turned toward farming, and in order to secure land at a reasonable figure he and his wife came to Fulton county, Ohio, and bought 120 acres of wild land in Pike Township, which he succeeded in placing under a measure of cultivation prior to his death, which occurred in 1866. His widow survived him until about 1888. Their children were as follows: Phebe, who died in 1905; Wickliffe, who is deceased; Eliza, who is also deceased; and James, who is the only survivor.

James Dickson, the younger, was reared on his father's homestead, and while he was learning how to be a good farmer he was acquiring the fundamentals of a common school education in his district. In the course of time he bought the interests of the other heirs to the homestead, and acquired possession of it. Since then he has rebuilt the house and barns and put up numerous other buildings, and made many improvements. Here he continued to be engaged in farming until 1905, when he bought a residence at Wauseon, Ohio, renting his farm to his son-in-law, Charles Dunbar, and for twelve years and eight months lived at Wauseon. Mr. Dickson then felt that he would be happier on his farm, so returned to it, and his house at Wauseon is now occupied by a tenant. His return to Pike Township was welcomed by his old associates, and he is now enjoying the pleasures of rural life once more.

On August 28, 1862, Mr. Dickson was united in marriage with Sarah Baxter, born in Green Creek Township, Sandusky county, Ohio, on October 31, 1843, a daughter of Erand and Polly (Rose) Baxter, natives of Connecticut and Niagara county, New York. Mr. Baxter died in Sandusky county, Ohio, when Mrs. Dickson was a small child, but Mrs. Baxter did not pass away until April, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson became the parents of the following children: William H., who married Mary Shoemaker and died within a few months, at the age of twenty-one: Polly Rose, who died at the age of nine years; and Frances E., who was born March 29, 1869, married Charles B. Dunbar, and they have six children, namely: Clarence J., who served during the World war as a soldier and was sent overseas; Kate Belle, who married Benjamin F. Ramseyer, of Chesterfield Township, Fulton county; Bessie June, who is at home; Lena May, who is Mrs. Verne Sindel, of Toledo, Ohio; Sarah, who is Mrs. Albert Frey of Pike Township; and William J., who resides at Toledo, Ohio.

Although now a Christian Scientist, Mr. James Dickson was for twenty-five years Sunday School superintendent for the United Brethren Church of his community, of which he was a member during that time. He is a republican and has served as a justice of the peace, assessor for three terms, and has been a school director for many years. While living at Wauseon he was secretary of the Blind Relief Board for five years. He is a man who has faithfully and cheerfully discharged every obligation of both private and public life which has been laid upon him, and carried out in his life the principles of his religious belief. Success has come to him, but he has worked for it, and deserves in no slight measure the prosperity which is now his. Surrounded by his family, living at the home he is so deeply attached, Mr. Dickson is enjoying an honorable old age, and is entitled to the respect he receives from those who have known him all his life, in the neighborhood where his parents before him stood equally high in public confidence.

Seth Jaqua. While the name Jaqua is French, it has been in America since the days of the Colonists, soldiers by that name having come over in the French and Indian wars. Seth Jaqua, of Walnut Grove Farm in Chesterfield, is a native of Liberty Township, Henry county. He was born there March 8, 1851, and only since 1905 has he lived in Fulton county.

Seth Jaqua is a son of John C. and Emily (Margueratt) Jaqua. The father was born in the State of New York, but in 1821, when he was five years old, his parents came to Seneca county. In turn, his father was Richard Jaqua, the Ohio line being Richard, John C. and Seth. The mother's family name was Wilsey, and she was Canadian by birth. Her name was Emily. The name Margueratt is Swiss, and the father of Mrs. Emily Jaqua was John Rudolph Margueratt. He came from Switzerland and had no relatives in America.

While John C. Jaqua and Emily Margueratt were married in Seneca county, and one child was born there, in the fall of 1849 they removed to Henry county. At that time there were only three houses between Napoleon and the farmstead that has since been the family homestead. They had one son, Frank, when they came, and Seth was the first child born in Henry county. The others are:

Richard, Randolph, Janette, Elizabeth, Hettie, Alta, and John C. Three of them, Frank, Richard and Elizabeth, have joined the silent majority. Seth is the only resident of Fulton county.

John C. Jaqua died in 1871, but the wife and mother of the family still lives at the old homestead in Henry county. The day she was eighty-nine years old, June 29, 1919, she was the honor guest at a family dinner party at Walnut Grove. Her living children were all present, guests of Seth Jaqua. She came by automobile from her home in Henry county.

On April 11, 1878, Seth Jaqua married Pluma Williams. She was a young woman of the same community in Henry county, although many of her relatives lived in Fulton county. She is a daughter of Lemuel Burton and Margaret Susan (Dayton) Williams. Their children were: Harvey, Pluma, Rosa, Mary, Isa, George, Leonard, Hettie and Lemuel Burton Williams, Jr. Mary, George and Hettie are numbered with the dead, and only Mrs. Jaqua and Lemuel Burton Williams, Jr., live in Fulton county.

Three children were born to Seth and Pluma (Williams) Jaqua. They are: Harry Walton, March 24, 1879, who married Ella Wiles, August 20, 1905, and their children are: Roy Walton, Ray Curtis and Vern Dale. Their oldest son, Charles Seth, died December 26, 1911, as the result of a playground accident at school at Oak Shade.

Susie Emily, born June 21, 1880, became the wife of Wilson Wiles, December 24, 1900, and their children are: Lena, Clarence, Harley, Leon, Glen and Irene. Another child, Arthur Jaqua, was born March 28, 1884, and died the same day. The son and daughter, Harry Walton and Susie Emily, married into the same family, a daughter and son of Thomas and Lena (Hoover) Wiles of Henry county. The father is English and the mother German, although they met and married in Henry county.

H. W. Jaqua and his family live with Mr. and Mrs. Seth Jaqua at Walnut Grove Farm, and their children attend Chesterfield Centralized School, while the Wilson Wiles family live at White House, in Lucas county. Their daughter Lena is temporarily at Walnut Grove for public school advantages. While for several generations the Jaquas have not been actively identified with any church organization, in their early history they were French Catholics. The Williams relation have been Methodists and the Daytons have been Baptists.

Elijah Williams, the grandfather of Mrs. Jaqua, who was an early resident of Fulton county, was a Methodist, but his wife, Hannah (Harrison) Williams, who was a cousin to President William Henry Harrison, came of Presbyterian stock. When President Harrison was making his campaign, Tippecanoe and Tyler, too, in 1840, he was a guest of the Williams family, whose oldest daughter, Lucinda, was the first white child born in Fulton county. It is related that she afterward became a bride at a time of high water, and that her father, Elijah Williams, a justice of the peace, performed the marriage ceremony with her on one side of the stream and the bridegroom, Thomas Lingle, separated from her by the turbulent waters of Turkey Foot Creek. The young people did not postpone their wedding day on account of high waters.

Since living in Fulton county the Jaquas have sometimes attended the churches and Sunday Schools in the vicinity, and

Mrs. Jaqua always works with the different aid societies. She was an active Red Cross worker, being present whenever the Chesterfield branch workshop was open, and often having work on hand at home, which she did at odd times. The Jaqua family vote has always been with the democratic party, and John C. Jaqua was at one time sheriff of Henry county.

The Jaqua family was represented in the Civil war by Uriah, a brother of John C. Jaqua, and an uncle of Seth Jaqua. The occupation of the Ohio Jaquas has always been agriculture, and at Walnut Grove general farming and dairying claim attention. While there are average good farm improvements, one of the barns was burned August 28, 1919, with complete loss of harness, vehicles and farm implements. It happened that all the horses were saved from the conflagration. Plans were made for rebuilding the barn—the blackened ruins of which was an unpleasant view from the window.

The family at Walnut Grove is not exempt from accident and disease and have had their share of such visitations, and yet the three generations sheltered under one roof are making the most of everything and all have their part in the Chesterfield community of interests. "It is a good place to live," said Mrs. Jaqua, and that sentiment expresses the feelings of all about it.

James L. Bachman. The story of the Bachman family of which James L. Bachman of Chesterfield is a member had its American beginning in Pennsylvania. While he was born at Lockport, Niagara county, New York, January 26, 1856, his own life history is part of the history of Fulton county. He was only one year old when his parents came from the State of New York to Ohio.

Mr. Bachman's father, John L. Bachman, was married twice, and he is a son of the second marriage. The first marriage was with Elizabeth Acker, October 13, 1844, in Seneca county, New York, and two sons, Joseph and Lorenzo, were born to them. The death of the wife occurred April 27, 1850, and June 30, 1853, he married Catharine Bair, of Niagara county, and two children, Sarah and James L., were born there before the removal of the parents to Ohio. Those born in Fulton county are: Eliza, Ida, Gordon, Emma, George, Cora, John, Robert and Samuel. All but Lorenzo, of the older and John of the younger set of children are living, November 3, 1919, when this data was given by James L. Bachman.

Joseph lives in Seneca county, New York, and Eliza and Gordon are in Michigan. The others all live in Fulton county today. The father, John L. Bachman, was a son of John L. and Catharine Bachman. These grandparents of James L. Bachman had lived in Pennsylvania and New York before accompanying their son to Ohio, and they lie buried in Olive Branch Cemetery in Williams county. The burial ground of the the next generation is at Fayette. The home of John L. Bachman was in Gorham. He owned three different farms before 1872, when he located where his son, James L., lives today.

On May 24, 1894, James L. Bachman married Mary Orilla Clark, and since then he has lived at the family homestead in Chesterfield. She was born November 21, 1868, in Richland county, her parents being Eli and Maggie (Clay) Clark. They were married there, January 28, the year she was born in November, and

she is the oldest in a family of twelve children. She had a twin sister, Sarah Cordelia, and the twins and Ira Clinton were born in Richland county. In 1872 the Clark family removed to Williams county, and those born there are: Ora Allen, John Nelson, Eliza Belle, Joseph William, Charles Howard, George Lewis, Harvey Franklin, Arthur J. and Nancy Jane. The twin sister, Sarah Cordelia, Eliza Belle and Charles Howard are deceased, while the others are all living in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bachman are: Bert Donald, Roscoe Garfield, Orla May, Zelma Belle, Alta Dell, Virgil Dale, Vera Jean and James Leslie. Zelma Belle is the wife of Floyd L. Powers, and they live in Lenawee county, Michigan. She was married July 2, 1918. Alta Dell died April 7, 1902. On February 13, 1918, Roscoe G. enlisted in the Army Air Service, Spruce Production Division, and he was located at Vancouver Barracks. He was discharged from Camp Sherman January 9, 1919, and with his older brother, Bert D., is engaged in farming at the family homestead in Chesterfield. Floyd L. Powers was also in the war of the nations, holding the commission of first lieutenant. He was in several different training camps and was finally discharged from Camp Taylor, Kentucky. Orla May, who is employed in the Morenci Hospital, had two years in high school at Fayette. The younger children all attend the Chesterfield Centrallized Public School at Oak Shade.

"Politics?" both the sons queried, "why, Dad voted for Wilson," and then Mr. Bachman said the family vote had always been democratic down to the present generation. "Every Bachman I ever knew was a stiff democrat, and when some of us began voting the republican ticket, father quit voting at all."

"Everybody's church," was the echo from the sons, and it developed that some of the pioneer relatives had been members of the Church of Christ while others were United Brethren.

While John L. Bachman always owned a farm, he was a carpenter. He was a master builder and some of the old time houses and barns still standing in Gorham are his handiwork. He built the house in which James L. Bachman lives today. When he came to Fulton county in 1857 it was all woods, there was game and they had wild turkey on the dinner table frequently. In his boyhood days Mr. Bachman used to put on skates and go on errands to Morenci. Now the land has been drained and there is a hard surface road where he used to glide along over the ice. Instead of going to town on skates the family now rides out in a modern touring car—quite the fashionable idea in Chesterfield.

While Mr. Bachman was a broom-maker for years and would sometimes have as many as 300 dozen brooms on hand, in the last ten years his attention has been turned entirely to farming until now the sons are the farmers there. However, Mr. Bachman is still on the job and finds plenty of odd jobs to keep him out of mischief. The twin silos and other farm commodities attest the prosperity that has rewarded his efforts.

Henry B. Mann is in the second generation of his family in the United States, his parents both having come from Germany. He was born February 8, 1855, in Perkins Township, Erie county. His parents were Frederick and Mary (Fisher) Mann, the father

born near Dresden and the mother on the River Rhine. It was the first marriage of the father, but the second marriage of the mother.

Mary Fisher had been the wife of a Mr. Weed, and one child was born to them in Germany. He immigrated to America and worked three years in the Pennsylvania coal mines and sent for her. Three more children were born in Pennsylvania. Mr. Weed died and Frederick Mann, being a bachelor of forty, married the widow. They lived in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. His mother was a widow and they all lived together. While living in Germany Mr. Mann was a coachman, and one time, when Queen Victoria of England was visiting in Germany, she was his passenger.

While living in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and working as a miner Mr. Mann went on a prospecting trip via the Great Lakes to Chicago, and going on via the Illinois River to the Mississippi, he went down it to the mouth of the Ohio, and returned up the river to Pennsylvania again. He soon afterward married and removed to Erie county, Ohio. For seven years he rented land and then removed to Henry county, where he bought forty acres in timber. He improved the land and eight years later he sold it and located in Swan Creek Township.

In 1863 Mr. Mann bought a twenty-three acre tract partly cleared, and he improved it. His wife died in December, 1895, and he died in March of the Century year. One daughter, Rebecca, wife of Robert Reighard, of Swan Creek, remains of the older set of children. Of the second marriage Mrs. Weed-Mann had the following children: Catharine, wife of Edson C. Moore, of Delta; Henry B., of Delta; Adam, deceased; William M., of York; and James, deceased. At the age of thirteen Henry B. Mann began working by the month in Fulton county, receiving thirteen dollars a month and having the privilege of school in winter.

In this way Mr. Mann secured sufficient education to begin teaching school in the fall of 1875, and he spent his summer vacation working in a brick yard. He taught continuously for seventeen winters, and finally engaged in farming in the summer vacations. He had a home with Mr. Platt three miles from Delta. Mr. Platt was a blacksmith, and part of the time he worked with him in the shop. He always saved his money and invested it, buying twenty acres of land when he was only nineteen.

Mr. Mann has been dealing in land since that time, and he continued farming until 1915, when he retired to Delta. He owns a good farm of eighty acres and another of 106, and some smaller tracts of land. On January 1, 1880, Mr. Mann married Martha Ellen Detwiler, a daughter of Jacob and Penelope (Miller) Detwiler. She was born in Marion county, while her father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Maryland. Their children are: Ray Melville, of Toledo; Charles Henry, on the Mann farm; and Marion Lawrence, of York Township, on another of his father's farms.

The Manns are Presbyterians, and Mr. Mann has been deacon and Sunday School superintendent. At present he is teacher of the Bible Class. He is a Mason of Fulton Lodge in Delta. He has been a school director and a democratic justice of the peace in a republican township.

Such is a brief record of nearly half a century of good citizen-

ship and effective work in his own interests and the interests of a large community in Northwestern Ohio and the Nation, as he was a strong supporter of the Federal Government during the World war both morally and financially. He was a purchaser of over $12,000 in Government Liberty and Victory Bonds. Ray Melville, the eldest son of Mr. Mann, had charge of the Liberty Bonds sales of Van Wert and Williams counties for the government. Beginning as a humble wage earner when a boy, never avoiding the arduous tasks of life, whether of manual toil or of intellectual endeavor, employing one modest success to win another, Mr. Mann has deserved well of his fellow citizens, and none will envy him the comfortable prosperity he enjoys and the good will and respect that are his.

Jacob Gottlieb Stiriz. The name Stiriz harks back to Germany, Jacob Gottlieb Stiriz of Delta having been born April 20, 1849, in Lauffen, Wuertemberg, Germany. In 1852, when he was but three years old, his parents, Jacob Godfried and Elizabeth (Rueckle) Stiriz, sailed for the United States, being forty-nine days on the Atlantic. They landed in New York City, but came directly to Buffalo, where they lived for three years. He worked in the Jewett and Root Foundry, receiving the magnificent sum of seventy-five cents a day for his service.

The Stiriz family came from Buffalo to Toledo by boat, and one week later they moved to Lucke Corners in Fulton county. Mr. Stiriz worked around at anything he could find until in 1857, when he bought eighty acres of wild land in the timber, paying six dollars an acre for it. He at once built a log cabin and set in to clear and improve the homestead. In 1865 he sold it for $1,500 and worked for six months on the railroad, when he again bought eighty acres, only ½ miles west of his former home, paying $1,500 for it. He and the son who relates the story cleared it, and in 1870 he added forty acres to it, and in 1875 he added an eighty, and at this time he had $4,200 invested in Fulton county timber and wild land. In 1880 he bought forty acres more land, paying $1,000 for it.

Mr. Stiriz and his son cleared and improved much of this land and in 1882 he built the largest barn ever seen in the community. Fulton is known as the county of big barns, and the Stiriz barn, 38 by 76 feet and 20 feet from the ground to the eaves, was the first one in its class in Fulton county. Today there are mammoth barns on almost every farmstead. In 1885 Mr. Stiriz built a brick veneered farmhouse with slate roof and two stories in height, and it was his home until 1892, when he went to Europe on a visit and died December 11 of that year, and he lies buried in Bietigen Cemetery, Wuertemberg, Germany. His wife died August 11, 1889, at the family homestead in Fulton county.

The children born to this pioneer German family are: Christina, widow of Jacob Krauss, of Pettisville; and Jacob Gottlieb Stiriz, who is the younger and always had his home with the father and mother. On July 27 of the American Centennial Year, Mr. Stiriz married Margaret Herrmann, of Bavaria, Germany. She is a daughter of John and Barbara (Barth) Herrmann, the father dying in Germany and the mother in Fulton county.

The children of the next generation are: Gottfried, who lives

on the home farm. He married Barbara Leininger, and their children are: Walter, Helen and Leon. Mary is the wife of Rev. J. Kauffman, a Lutheran minister. Louise is the wife of Rev. A. O. Zeituer, a Lutheran minister. Amelia is the wife of Rev. A. G. Wacke, a Lutheran minister. William Paul, who lives on one of the Stiriz farms, married Louisa Wackentine, and their daughter is Ruth. W. P. Stiriz did overseas service in the World war. On June 24, 1917, J. G. Stiriz retired to Delta, and the sons are the agriculturists today.

In his boyhood days Mr. Stiriz had the educational advantages afforded by the log school house. The family has always been identified with the Lutheran Church, and he has served on the board of trustees for many years. He is a democrat and has filled different offices in the township, and for twenty-five years he was chairman of the School Board. He was township trustee for four years in York. While the Stiriz name harks back to Germany, it is also inseparably identified with the historical development of Fulton county. The substantial improvements on the Stiriz farm in York Township mark an epoch in farm building history. Make a roundup of the farm improvements in Fulton county, and remember the barn on the Stiriz farm was the first in the series that now gives special distinction to Fulton—the county of big barns in Ohio.

Franklin Pierce Collins. The Collins name belongs to the early history of Fulton county. Franklin Pierce Collins was born August 30, 1852, and his father and mother, G. Washington and Elizabeth (Alwood) Collins, had come early to York Township. For a time they had rented the farm on which F. P. Collins was born, and then they bought it. They ended their days there.

In his early life F. P. Collins worked by the month on different farms until his marriage, March 25, 1879, to Mary Alice Koos. She is a daughter of Jacob and Julia (Tomer) Koos, the father born in Germany and the mother in Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Collins began housekeeping on the Koos farm one mile west of Delta. At the death of her parents Mrs. Collins inherited this homestead. It is almost all under cultivation and is an excellent farmstead. In all there are 119 acres of it. Mr. Koos also acquired 160 acres of land in Swan Creek Township. It was all in timber, and he cleared it and put it under cultivation. In 1867 he acquired the farm in York Township where he died in 1890, and his wife died there in 1905, having disposed of their realty among their children themselves.

The children in the Koos family are: Albert, on the old homestead; Ira, of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Collins, of Delta. The Koos children deceased are: Phoebe, Frederick, Julia, George, Flora, and Danny and Nancy, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Collins remained on the homestead she had inherited until 1903, when they bought a home in Delta. Their children are: Flora Alice, wife of Peter Smith, and Cora Opal. Mr. Collins is employed by the Delta Milling Company. He votes the republican ticket.

Jacob Huth. The name of the late Jacob Huth is commemorated by his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Close of Delta. Mr. Huth was born in Germany in 1826, and in 1834 he came with his parents on

a sailing vessel to the United States. They settled on a farm in Pennsylvania. In 1839 they came to Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, Ohio. In 1856 they located in Fulton county. They bought eighty acres in Fulton Township, and some years later they removed to York Township, where they bought another eighty. Both were in the timber when he obtained possession, and he cleared and improved them.

In 1845 Mr. Huth enlisted at Cleveland in the Mexican war. There were 1,000 men when they went out, and after three years he was one of sixty who returned, and he had escaped without injury. When Mr. Huth gave up farming he bought a home in Delta, and in 1892 he died there. He married Mary Tomer, of Bolivar. She was born February 3, 1830, a daughter of John and Nancy (Mock) Tomer. They were Pennsylvanians who had moved to Ohio. There was one daughter, Ellen, who married George W. Close. Her children are: Mary Edna, wife of Fred Moore, of Toledo, and Georgiana, wife of Linn Hobart, of Detroit. Mrs. Close is a member of the Disciples Church and of the Ladies Aid Society. She is the sole heir to the property that had been accumulated by her father, Jacob Huth.

Alton T. McComb, a respected and public-spirited resident of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, who has been cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank of Delta since its inception fourteen years ago, has been among the leading residents of that place for many years, has earned the confidence of the community, and has since 1907 held the responsible office of corporation treasurer; and upon many occasions has manifested not only an ability and alertness in civic administration, but a commendably unselfish public spirit.

He was born in Ogden Centre, Ogden Township, Lenawee county, Michigan, January 23, 1872, the son of Thomas and Isabel (Patterson) McComb. In both paternal and maternal lineage he is of Irish descent. Although his father was born in Mount Morris, New York, his mother was of Irish birth, as were also his paternal and maternal grandparents, William and Mary McComb and William Patterson. The grandparents left Ireland in 1835, and all settled in Lenawee county of Michigan, at the outset living a pioneering life in a wild country. Thomas McComb, son of William and Mary and father of Alton T., was born in Mount Morris, New York, soon after the family arrived in America, but he grew to manhood on the Michigan farm of his parents. He married in Michigan, and was in merchandising business in Lenawee county, Michigan, for the greater part of his life, also entering extensively into the lumber business. He died in October, 1886, being then fifty-one years old. Therefore, although one record states that William and Mary McComb crossed from Ireland in 1845, they were obviously in the United States in 1835, or earlier, seeing that their son Thomas was born in New York state. Perhaps, the 1845 record is of a trip made by the grandparents of Alton T. to their native country ten years or more after they had immigrated, although there is nothing in the family papers to bear out that supposition. However, they were sufficiently early in America to have been among the pioneer settlers of Lenawee county, Michigan. Isabel (Patterson) McComb, mother of Alton T., died in 1907, the last years of her life being spent in Palo Alto, California, where she was

buried. The children of Thomas and Isabel (Patterson) McComb were: Estine, who married Dr. J. H. Moore, and is now deceased; Jennie, who married H. W. Daniels, and now lives in Fullerton, California; Alton T., of whom more is recorded below; Allison V., who is in San Francisco, California.

Alton T. McComb, third child of Thomas and Isabel (Patterson) McComb, spent his early life in Lenawee county, Michigan, and attended the Michigan public schools. He was only fourteen years old, however, when his father died, and after having completed his academic years of schooling he seems to have resolved to enter commercial life, and with that object, apparently, took the course at the Davis Business College at Toledo, Ohio. Later, however, he decided to qualify for pharmaceutical work, and with that object went to the Ohio Normal School at Ada, Ohio, graduating in 1899. For three years thereafter he was the manager of a drug store at Lyons, Fulton county, Ohio, eventually taking similar capacity in the employ of Mr. Carmen of Delta, Fulton county, where in that connection he followed his profession for six years. Then he was appointed to the position of cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank of Delta, which was founded in April, 1906, by a few of the substantial people of the place. The officials since inception have been: J. M. Longnecker, president; F. Briggs, vice president; Alton T. McComb, cashier; M. W. Casler, assistant cashier. It has developed into an institution of solidity, its capital being $25,000, its surplus $32,000, while its deposits total $500,000, which is a creditable building of a banking institution, limited in scope of patronage as it necessarily is. Mr. McComb, who as cashier has of course been the active responsible official, has shown the traits of a reliable, successful banker, and he has an enviable reputation both personally and for business acumen in that section of Fulton county.

He has entered actively and effectively into community life. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, a consistent churchman and a steady supporter of church work. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Fulton Lodge No. 248, Free and Accepted Masons, of Delta, Ohio, and of the local Royal Arch Chapter. He has taken responsible part in the civic administration, having been corporation treasurer since 1907. He was also borough treasurer for the three years during which he was a resident in Lyons, Ohio. Politically he is a republican, and has interestedly followed local and national politics. During the recent war he was especially active in the national cause, co-operating usefully and effectively with the local body responsible for the proper and adequate subscription in that district to the various war funds. And in many ways during that time Mr. McComb proved himself to be a patriotic and useful citizen.

On May 23, 1894, he married Nellie M. Young, who was born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, daughter of Edgar and Sarah (Herriman) Young, the former a native of Lenawee county, Michigan, and the latter of New York birth. Mr. and Mrs. McComb have for many years associated themselves in the social activities of the community, and both have many friends in Delta.

Wallace W. Trowbridge, who is the oldest resident of Delta, and, in fact, is one of the first pioneers of the district, is a remark-

ably well-preserved man, intellectually lucid, and very entertaining when he narrates his early experiences in Fulton county, at the time when the Indians used to come to trade with his father, who kept a store just a little to the westward of where Delta is now situated.

Wallace W. Trowbridge was born in Saratoga county, New York, June 12, 1830, the son of James and Laura (Butler) Trowbridge. In both paternal and maternal descent he comes of colonial New England families, his father having been born in Connecticut and his mother in Massachusetts. His parents soon after marriage settled on a farming property in Saratoga county, New York, where Wallace W. was born. He was only seven years old when his parents resolved to venture into the frontier states and take up the lives of pioneering settlers. The journey from New York state was made almost wholly by water, they and their few household goods being transported by canal to Buffalo, and from there to Perrysburg by lake boat. From Perrysburg, Wood county, into the wild region now converted into the agriculturally rich Fulton county they came by wagon, James Trowbridge entering government land and securing title to an eighty acre tract situated somewhat to the westward of where Delta now stands. There the family settled, and as the years passed did much clearing of timber land. James Trowbridge also conducted a general store, his being the only store in the vicinity. Many Indians were in that territory in those days, and they were in the habit of coming to James Trowbridge's store to trade, his store thus being to some extent similar to the frontier trading posts. The Indians were, however, for the most part friendly, and were honestly treated by James Trowbridge. And, as may be imagined, they were much interested in young Wallace Trowbridge, then a boy of seven or eight years. Such were the surroundings and the general conditions under which the family of James and Laura (Butler) Trowbridge was raised. The parents spent the remainder of their lives in Fulton county, and on the property upon which they first settled. Their children were: Eliza, who married Daniel Pettis and died in Beatrice, Nebraska; Wallace W., regarding whom more follows; Orlando F. C., who died in infancy.

Wallace W. Trowbridge was unable to obtain much schooling, although during his long life he has been intellectually inclined, and has made good many of the academic deficiencies of his boyhood. In the primitive conditions under which he lived in his boyhood adequate schooling was not possible, and as he grew he became more conversant with agricultural methods than with academic subjects. He remained on the home farm, taking good part in the clearing and agricultural tasks of the parental acres until he eventually became possessed of it altogether, his father in his declining years transferring the property to him. He farmed the property for the greater part of his life, until he, in turn, passed it on to the third generation, to his own son, Charles F., who has since conducted it. After the transfer of the property Wallace W. Trowbridge bought a small estate, five acres, a comfortable residential property situated in the northwestern part of the borough of Delta, and there he has since lived in comfort, well cared for by his daughter. He is a remarkable man in many ways, has lived a steady, upright, active life, and consequently now in nonogenarian

age is still comparatively vigorous, much more so than many men twenty years his junior and his mental powers he has retained almost unimpaired. His conversation proves that he is a well-read man, of retentive mind, and intellectually bright. During his almost life-long association with the affairs of Delta he has manifested a sincere public spirit, and in many ways has been helpful in the development of the place. Had he so wished he might have held many more town offices than he has, for he has always been well-regarded in Delta. He has undertaken the responsibilities of constable, and for many years gave much attention to educational matters, being a school director. Politically he is a republican.

In December, 1856, he married Lydia Hoag, who was born in Montgomery county, New York, and died at the Trowbridge homestead in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1885. She was the daughter of Stephen Hoag, for many years resident in Fulton county. And although Mr. Trowbridge has survived his wife for thirty-five years, their married life was of comparatively long duration, twenty-seven years, which emphasizes his longevity. Most of his life-long friends have passed away, and many not yet born when he had reached manhood have lived their whole lives and also passed beyond. Even his son, Charles Francis, who now owns the Trowbridge homestead, is himself an elderly man now. The only other child of Wallace W. and Lydia (Hoag) Trowbridge is Etta, their daughter, who married Dora Campbell, but now lives with her father in Delta.

Charles Francis Trowbridge. It is given to but few men to live always on the same town lot or on the same farm throughout a life time, but such has been the privilege of Charles Francis Trowbridge of York, who still lives where he was born April 30, 1858, a son of Wallace W. Trowbridge. But he has been a rolling stone to some extent and has come back there.

In 1879, when Mr. Trowbridge had reached his majority, he went to North Dakota, near Fargo, where he spent two summers and one winter pre-empting a claim of a quarter section of land which he afterward traded to his father for ninety-three acres of the old homestead, and he returned to the scenes of his younger days. He paid the government price of $2.50 an acre for this land in the northwest, but it gave him capital through its advance in value, and he was able to live in Fulton county again. Mr. Trowbridge has always been a dairy farmer, and he has tiled, fenced and added farm buildings until he has a fine environment in York.

On November 2, 1882, Mr. Trowbridge married Julia Shoffner, who was born at Harverstraw, Rockford county, New York, July 27, 1863, a daughter of John and Anna (Steinbach) Shoffner. They were natives of Germany, but were married in the State of New York and in 1865 they came to Delta. He had been a miller in New York, but after coming to Fulton county he engaged in construction work on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and thus helped work the transformation in northern Ohio.

The children born in the family are: Clifford Wellington, who died November 17, 1918; Maud Shoffner, wife of Clyde Arnold, of Delta; Anna Laura, wife of Fred Zimmerman, of Delta; Marion Wallace, who died December 26, 1895; Ray Maurice, of Delta; Hazel Kirk, wife of C. J. Baser, of Delta; Frank Hoag, at home;

Josephine Florence, wife of H. H. Hadland, of Delta; Metra Eldora, Marjorie May, Mildred Louise and Imogene. F. H. Trowbridge married Pauline La May Bechtels, and R. M. Trowbridge married Fannie Pearl Bundy. They all had common school advantages in York and at Delta.

The Trowbridge family are Methodists. Mr. Trowbridge is a republican, and has been township trustee of York. In the winter of 1918 he was sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives in the Ohio Legislature at Columbus. The son Frank H. Trowbridge was in the service in the World war. He had his training at Camp Sherman and at the Broadway Auditorium in Buffalo. He was in the motor transport convoy service seven months, making frequent trips across the Atlantic.

JOHN H. TEEPLE, a well-known and respected resident of Delta, York Township, Fulton county, who for very many years has been responsibly identified with and successful in extensive farming in the township, is a native of California, but has lived in Fulton county for almost fifty years.

He was born in Omega, California, April 26, 1867, the son of David and Phoebe (Tomer) Teeple. His father was a native of New Jersey and his mother of Ohio, born in Bolivar Village of Tuscarawas county. She met David Teeple in California, in which state they were married. Her husband was interested in gold mining, and in 1871 returned north with his wife and children, settling in Delta. He was for some years interested with Dr. William Ramsey in local banking, but died in 1879, eight years after having taken up residence in Delta. His wife lived a widowhood of twenty-six years, her death not occurring until 1905. David and Phoebe (Tomer) Teeple were the parents of two children: Elizabeth, who married Dr. J. V. Newton, of Toledo, Ohio; and John H.

John H. Teeple was only four years old when his parents came to Delta, Ohio, to reside, and he was only twelve years old in the year of his father's death. Nevertheless, he was able to obtain a comparatively good education, attending the elementary and high schools of Delta. After school duties he took industriously to agricultural occupations, and in course of time became a skillful, responsible farmer. For very many years he has directed the operation of two large farms near Delta, and has been a large raiser of the big type of Poland hogs and Holstein cattle. He maintains a large dairy. Generally, his farming has been marked by enterprise and indefatigable application, and by an aptness which has enabled him to adopt and to benefit by many of the modern methods of farming. He lives in Delta, and has always been known as a responsible resident, substantial and honorable.

Politically he is a republican, although he has never taken an active interest in political campaigns, having no inclination for political work. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, local branch No. 199, and with Delta Lodge No. 460, and Fulton Encampment No. 197, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On May 21, 1895, he married Alice A. Snyder, a native of Fulton county, Ohio, daughter of Daniel J. and Anna (Geitgey) Snyder, formerly of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Teeple have many sincere friends in Delta.

James Sanderson, who is widely known throughout Fulton county among agriculturists as the manager of the Delta plant of the Helvetia Milk Condensing Company, with which he has been responsibly connected practically since leaving school, is one of the leading business men of Delta, and has very many friends in that section of the county.

He was born in Greenville, Illinois, December 12, 1880, the son of James and Lucy (Davis) Sanderson, who were both natives of Bond county, Illinois. His father, James Sanderson, who of late years has lived in California, has a worthy Civil war record, and for many years was a farmer in Illinois. He also was one of the pioneer carriers of mail under the rural free delivery system. He has lived in Selma, Fresno county, California, since 1912.

James Sanderson, son of James and Lucy (David) Sanderson, spent his early years in his native place, Greenville, Illinois. He attended the elementary public and high schools of that place, and after graduating therefrom took a course in a business college. In 1898 he began his business career as an employe of the Helvetia Milk Condensing Company at Greenville, Illinois, taking minor executive capacity in that plant. Two years later he entered the employ of Swift & Company at East St. Louis, Illinois, having a position of some responsibility in the general offices of that huge corporation. Two years later, however, he again took up connection with the Helvetia Milk Condensing Company, coming to Delta, Fulton county, to take the position of bookkeeper in the plant the company was then constructing at Delta. That was in January, 1904. He remained in Delta as bookkeeper for more than three years, then gaining well-merited promotion, being transferred to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, to take the assistant managership of the company's plant at that place. In 1911 he was transferred in the same capacity to the Westfield, Pennsylvania, plant of the company, becoming manager of that plant, where he remained for four years. In 1915 he was again sent to Delta, and since that time he has been general manager of the Delta plant, which is the largest of the eleven operated by the Helvetia Milk Condensing Company. Mr. Sanderson has manifested superior administrative ability and a commendable loyalty. He attends steadily to business, has a pleasing method of trading and of directing the operations for which he is responsible, so that he has the confidence and esteem of employes and of agriculturists generally throughout the district from which the Delta plant draws its supplies.

Politically Mr. Sanderson is a republican, and has shown much interest in local affairs. He is generally of much popularity in the community, and in 1918 was elected councilman. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Fulton Lodge No. 248 of Delta, and Aurora Chapter. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 199 of Delta.

In October, 1905, he married Catherine Watkins, who was born in Delta, daughter of L. C. and Drucilla (Snyder) Watkins, both of whom also were born in Fulton county. Mr. Sanderson has been interested in Delta since his first coming to the place in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson have two children, Richard and Dorothy.

Hector Lee Miles, who for more than forty years has been one of the representative business men of Delta, Ohio, and for the

greater part of that time has conducted a substantial lumber business in Delta, is a man of good business ability, a capable administrator, and an efficient public worker. He is of enviable personal and business repute in Delta, has been an earnest church worker, and has served the community as councilman for many years, in very many other ways also manifesting a helpful public spirit.

He was born in Huron county, Ohio, on August 2, 1852, the son of David and Mary (Lee) Miles. He comes of a New York state family, his father having been born in Lockport of that state, and his grandparents, Lewis T. and Lucinda Miles, were also born in New York. His mother, Mary (Lee) Miles, however, was born in Ohio, and four generations of the Miles family have had residence in Ohio, Lewis T. and Lucinda Miles, grandparents of Hector L., having come into the state early in their married life. They took a farming property, or what later became a farming property, near Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, although at the time he obtained possession it was practically in the wild state. He did much pioneering work, although his main occupation was that of millwright. In the last years of his life he was a farm owner in Clyde, Sandusky county, Ohio, where he died.

David, son of Lewis T. and Lucinda Miles, spent most of his early life in Huron county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood he was initiated into the work of a millwright by his father, and for many years he followed that trade. He married near Milan, Ohio, and in 1865 came into Fulton county, Ohio, having purchased a tract of 160 acres of land, mostly in the wild state, heavily timbered, situated near Metamora Village, Amboy Township. There he and his wife lived for some years, during which he cleared the timber from many acres of his land, eventually selling the property to advantage and going to Clyde, Sandusky county, Ohio, where his father and mother then lived. He remained associated with his father until the latter's death, when the home farm passed into the possession of the son. Some time later David Miles traded his property at Clyde for a farming property situated in Williams county, Ohio. There he and his son for some years mainly followed agricultural pursuits. Eventually, however, he sold the farm and returned to Fulton county, taking up his residence in Delta, where he died in 1896, four years after the decease of his wife in 1892. Their children were: Fitch, who died not long after having attained his majority; Hector Lee; Lewis Levings, who died in 1917; and Llewellyn L., who lives in Toledo, Ohio.

Hector Lee Miles, second child of David and Mary (Lee) Miles, was born in Huron county, Ohio, spent some of his early infant years in Fulton county, but passed most of his boyhood in Clyde, Sandusky county, Ohio, attending the elementary and high schools of that place. Having decided to enter commercial life, he took a business course at the Davis Business College, Adrian, Michigan, after graduating from which he at the age of nineteen years took employment as a clerk in a dry goods store. About two years later the farmhouse occupied by the family burned, and soon afterward Hector L., went into the Harkness Dry Goods Store, where he remained steadily employed for about a year, then coming with his parents to Delta, Fulton county, where he found employment for two years in a local bakery, in which enterprise he had acquired a

partnership. At the end of two years he sold his interest in the bakery business and for eighteen months thereafter conducted a haberdashery establishment, known as the 888 Notion Store, which he sold to some advantage. He married in 1878, and soon thereafter became one of the principals of an established lumber, coal, lime and cement business in Delta, Ohio, his wife having been bequeathed an interest in that business by her former husband. Mr. Miles took partnership in the business with Mr. Dumeresq, the partnership continuing for eight years, when Mr. Miles acquired the interest of his partner. Since 1886 he has conducted the business alone, and has during the long period had an appreciable share of the business of that section of Fulton county. He has had a long career of consequential honorable trading, and is widely known throughout that part of Fulton county. During his long connection with Delta he has taken much interest in its affairs, in his younger days entering actively into most of the social activities of the community, and throughout his life keenly interesting himself in civic matters. He has long been among the business leaders of the section, and for six years has been a member of the City Council. Politically he is a republican, although he has not shown the close interest in national politics that he has manifested in local affairs. He is a consistent churchman, member of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, and an earnest church worker. He has been trustee of the church, and is one of its stewards. Fraternally he is a Mason, of Royal Arch degree, and is also identified with the Fraternity of Modern Woodmen of America.

On November 13, 1878, he married Louisa M. (Griffin) Van Fleet, widow of George Van Fleet, of Delta, Fulton county, and daughter of William and Clarissa (Gunn) Griffin. She was born in Fulton county, and has lived most of her life in Delta. No children were born to her first marriage, but she has borne three children to her second husband, Hector Lee Miles. Their children in order of birth are: Roy H., who was in successful business in Detroit, Michigan, for several years and is now on his farm south of Delta. He married Gertrude Biddle, of Delta, a daughter of John and Margaret Jane (Watkins) Biddle. Dorr Lee is associated in business with his father, latterly undertaking practically the whole management of the business. He married Mrs. Iva Seidel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lowe, of Gibsonburg, Ohio. They have two children, Jean Louie, and Dorr, Jr. Bessie died when nine years old.

Henry R. Pelton, a successful business man and respected resident of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, has lived an energetic, responsible life, and has taken good part in the administrative duties of the township.

He was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, October 28, 1858, the son of Henry and Sarah (Van Pelt) Pelton, both of whom were born in New York state, his father in Onondago county and his mother in Yates county. The Pelton family for some generations had been resident in New York state, John Pelton and Anthony Van Pelt, grandparents of Henry R. Pelton, having also been born in the state, Mr. Pelton, of Delta, thus being descended in both paternal and maternal lines from colonial New York families. His grandparents on his mother's side were also early residents of Ohio, being

of record in the state in the early '50s, and both living the lives of pioneers. Henry Pelton, son of John and father of Henry R., was born in New York state, but lived a part of his life in Ohio. He married at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, Sarah Van Pelt, who when their son Henry R. was about nine months old took the boy to New York state, where until 1863 they lived with relatives of her husband. In 1863 they returned to Ohio, going to Manhattan, near Toledo, where they lived for about one year with her brother, eventually coming into Fulton county, Ohio, and settling in Swan Creek Township, where until 1903 the Peltons lived on a farm Mrs. Pelton had purchased when they first came into the county. Mrs. Sarah (Van Pelt) Pelton died in 1902, and in March of the following year her son Henry R., having sold the farm, came into Delta, built a home in the town, and for the next five years took general employment in the vicinity. In January, 1908, he purchased an established business in Delta, and since that time has successfully conducted that business, which deals somewhat extensively in coal and lumber, and maintains in operation a saw and feed mill. Since Mr. Pelton has directed the business its trading has been appreciably expanded, and he is placed among the consequential business men of that section of Fulton county. He is widely known throughout that district, having lived in York and Swan Creek Townships for almost the whole of his life. As a boy he attended the old log school in Swan Creek Township, and since he has been a man of responsible affairs he has taken much interest in local administrative responsibilities, having undertaken the duties of many of the township offices. Politically he is a republican, although his interest has been closer in local public movements than in national politics.

Henry R. Pelton has been twice married. His first wife, whom he married on April 6, 1878, was Nancy Lester, who was born in Bellevue, Ohio, daughter of Robert and Paulina (Catlin) Lester, the former a Union soldier who died during the Civil war. Three children were born to his first marriage. Ethel May, who married Blair Pierrepont, of Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio; Margaret, who married William Gerst, of Toledo, Ohio; and Henry Alfred, of Delta, Ohio. He married Blanche, daughter of E. J. Deck of Delta, Ohio, and they have three children, Clive, Pearl, and Bernard. They live in Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Nancy (Lester) Pelton died in December, 1891, and on March 29, 1893, Mr. Pelton married again, his second wife being Phoebe Ann Fint, who comes of a West Virginia family. To Henry R. and Phoebe Ann (Fint) Pelton have been born eight children: Mabel, who married Charles Russell, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, John, Vera, Elmer, Elbert, Ruth, Walter and Phoebe, the six last named being at home with their parents.

Samuel B. Finney is one of the oldest residents of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, and he has maintained his home in Fulton county, Ohio, since the close of the Civil war, during which he was in responsible charge in the Union cause, being one of the personal bodyguards of President Lincoln. Mr. Finney has given some time to agriculture during his life, having owned various farms in Fulton county, but he has chiefly followed professional work, being an expert herbalist, and since 1890 established as such in Delta. He is well-known throughout the county, and his dispensing of natural

medicines has brought health to many thousands of people during the course of his practice as an herbalist.

He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, August 22, 1832, the son of Washington and Martha B. (Bell) Finney. The Finney family is of Irish origin, and the grandparents of Samuel B. Finney were both born in Ireland. They, David and Mary Finney, were among the pioneer residents in Holmes county, Ohio, David Finney acquiring a ranch of 800 acres near Millersburg of that county in 1811. There Washington Finney, father of Samuel B., was born; there he married Martha B. Bell; and there Samuel B., their son, was born and grew to manhood. Anterior to the Civil war Samuel B. Finney studied roots and herbs, and developed quite a satisfactory connection and sold medicines of his own preparation and formula throughout a wide district. During the Civil war he offered his services to the Union, prepared to take any capacity in the cause of the North. He was a man of good repute, responsible and resolute, and was attached to the guard of President Lincoln, and as such was stationed at Washington Barracks, District of Columbia, for the majority of his war service. At the conclusion of hostilities he came to Fulton county, Ohio, and acquired a farm of forty acres, which he tilled, although his interest was really in his medical work. He gave much time to his profession, and in course of time became known throughout the county as an herbalist. With his medicines he has effected many creditable cures, some of them cases that had reached almost the chronic state. He has owned various farms in the county, but his life-work must be stated to have been medicine. Since 1890 he has been established as an herbalist in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, and has undertaken the treatment of most human diseases, with success both professional and material. Of necessity, because of octogenarian age, he has of late years lived a somewhat retired life, but he is an esteemed resident of Delta, and during his active years was one of the helpful, worth-while citizens of Fulton county.

His wife was Rachel Lee, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, but their long married life ended in 1912, when she died in Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Finney were the parents of five children: Estella, who died at the age of thirteen years; William, who died when nine years old; Eddie, who was seven in the year of his death; Jennie, who is the wife of Thomas Kirkham, of West Winameg, Fulton county, Ohio; Elmer Grant, of Delta, Ohio.

As a Civil war veteran, Mr. Finney has an honored place in national records, and honor is accorded him locally because of his patriotic service. He followed the progress of the recent war with great interest, and would have liked to have been more active in it himself. In earlier years he was somewhat prominent in the functioning of fraternal bodies, being a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias Orders. Personally he has lived a good life of helpful and useful endeavor for his fellow residents.

Asa Borton. Seventy years of continuous residence, his time of service in the Civil war counted out, is the citizenship record of Asa Borton of Pine Grove Farm in Dover, Fulton county. Mr. Borton was born in Columbiana county March 24, 1845, and when he was but four years old his father, Asa Borton, Sr., moved to Fulton, one year before it was an organized county. Mr. Borton was a

boy in Franklin Township when Fulton set up its own county government—one of the few remaining men who are living in Fulton when it was part of Lucas county.

Mr. Borton lived a short time in Michigan, but he has always considered his home in Fulton county. Mr. Borton was the youngest in a family of ten children born to Asa and Elizabeth (Hazen) Borton. They are: Deborah, Ahimaaz, Lucinda, Mary Ann, Sarah, Ruth, Mercy, Roland, Arthur and Asa. All except Deborah Ruth and Arthur were living, A. D. 1919, when this family history was being tabulated. When Asa Borton was seventy-five years old he still had six brothers and sisters who were older than himself, a very unusual record for longevity. On the day of this interview, October 13, 1919, he was in the field husking corn and his older brothers and sisters were all active men and women. (The biographer one time wrote the story of a man who at sixty had ten brothers and sisters older than himself.) Mr. Borton had cultivated nine acres of corn alone. All of his life has been spent in action, and that accounts for his physical condition.

There are many different branches in the Borton family history, the branch from which Asa Borton is descended having come from England. There were three Hazen brothers who came in an early day from Brazil, and Elizabeth Hazen came from that ancestry. While it is known that the Hazens were a long lived family, only Mrs. Borton ever lived in Fulton county. Asa Borton, Jr., married Sarah Hagerman March 26, 1868, and their children are: Ellis H., who married Sarah Riger, their children are Dessie, Nettie, Paul and Hazen. Arthur D. Borton married Addie Fausey. Their children are: Asa and Thelma Aline. Elizabeth Borton is the wife of Clarence W. Belknap. They have one daughter, Marjey Amelia.

Mrs. Borton died February 19, 1905, and since that time a niece, Miss Elizabeth Mason, has been housekeeper for Mr. Borton. While all the Borton children were given educational advantages all have continued in the pursuit of agriculture. Ellis has invested in land in the "cut-over" district in Michigan, and while he hires men to operate it he divides his own time between Michigan and Ohio, his land in Franklin and Dover. Although he owns a farm in Dover, A. D. Borton lives in Warren, Ohio. (See sketch, Belknaps.)

When Asa Borton located at Pine Grove there was a nucleus of twenty acres, but he has added to it until he now has 105 acres, with no waste land except the banks of an open ditch, and that is well set in blue grass. "I never was a democrat," said Mr. Borton when asked about his political faith. In a moment he exclaimed: "Well, I have known some good men who only had that one failing." He served Dover Township as a trustee at one time, although he did not seek the honor.

While he is not identified with any church, Mrs. Borton was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Spring Hill, and of course that is the church nearest the heart of the Borton family. Mr. Borton was not yet a voter when he enlisted in the Civil war, March 31, 1864, and served until the end of the war. His brother, Arthur Borton, was also a soldier. A number of younger relatives were enlisted in the World war, and George Oldfield lost his life "somewhere in France." He was a nephew to Miss Mason, and a grand-nephew to Mr. Borton. A brother's son, Abram Mason, had

the necessary military training but did not get "over there," before the signing of the Armistice.

Mr. Borton keeps in close touch with the news of the day through the Wauseon Republican and the Literary Digest. He attributes his activity to the fact that he has always worked—has always been busy, his two years in Michigan being in a sawmill, and the rest of the time in the great out-of-doors on the farm. There are two stock water ponds on the farm that mark the site of a brick yard that Mr. Borton operated for many years. His father before him was a Fulton county brickmaker, and the pioneer families all knew about the Borton brick kilns. Mr. Borton made brick by hand, and he began off-bearing on his father's brick yard when he was such a small boy that he only carried two bricks at a time.

The brick in the house in which Mr. Borton lives, built in 1882, were made in his own factory. That was the last of his output from the factory. Since that time Mr. Borton has done general farming, with special attention to livestock. He has always bred and fed a great many hogs, but recently he plans only enough labor to keep him in good physical condition. They say "Uncle Asa Borton" in the community.

Clarence W. Belknap. It was in 1851 that the Belknap family history had its beginning in Fulton county, and Clarence W. Belknap of Sycamore Stock Farm in Dover is in the third generation. He is one of seven children born to Zera and Mary Jane (Kesler) Belknap. He has one brother, Frederick G. Belknap, and there were five who died in infancy. Only the twins, had been given names. They were George and William, and because they were born February 14, each was given the name Valentine.

Zera Belknap was the oldest in a family of seven children born to Thomas and Polly Ann (Farr) Belknap, and he was the only one born in Lorain county. He was not yet two years old when his parents came by wagon from Lorain to Fulton county. They encountered many difficulties crossing the black swamp enroute to the new country. They located at Delta, and there six children were born to them. They were: Myron, Lucile, Lucretia, Thomas, Lucina and Arthur. While Thomas Belknap attained to the age of eighty-five years, his wife died while she was yet a young woman. They lie buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Thomas Belknap was married three times, and Zera Belknap was a son from his third marriage. There was a half brother, Francis Marion Belknap, who was from the second marriage, and he came along with the family to Fulton county. There were three children by the first marriage, but their mother died in Vermont and the father went to Wisconsin before he finally located in Lorain county. These children never came west and nothing is known of them today. In all there were eleven children born to Thomas Belknap—three different mothers.

Zera Belknap married Mary Jane Kesler June 3, 1875, and except four years in a Michigan lumber camp they have always lived at Spring Hill. She was a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Gier) Kesler. There were ten children: Catharine, Mary Jane, Ida Ellen, Leah Adeline, Elizabeth Etta, Frances Adelia, Franklin, Alice Dell, Emma and John. In the Belknap family, October, 1919, there

were four brothers and one sister living and in the Kesler family three sisters.

While the Peter Kesler family were originally from Pennsylvania, they came from Ashland to Fulton county. It was soon after the coming of the Belknap family, and Mr. and Mrs. Belknap grew up in the community, and all realized the hardships of the pioneers, and the year of "sick wheat," everybody who had wheat flour was glad to change it for corn meal—an unexplained incident in the community.

When Thomas Belknap removed from Delta he located at "Hornetsville," and he helped cut the timber from the site of Wauseon and work it into barrel staves. While there was white oak timber in abundance, his occupation was stave-making, the staves sent to Buffalo and the barrels made there. All that is changed today. It is as a story that is told when there is no more white oak timber in Fulton county. The United States mail aeroplanes crossing Fulton county today are a stride in advance from the time of the coming of the Lake Shore, now the New York Central Railway System.

Clarence and Fred Belknap are the only men bearing the name in their generation in Fulton county today. It illustrates the truth that "the places that know us now shall soon know us no more forever." On July 3, 1907, C. W. Belknap married Elizabeth Borton (see sketch Asa Borton), and when she left her father's house she went across the road with her husband to Sycamore Stock Farm, and here was born one child, Marjey Amelia. Pine Grove and Sycamore Stock Farm are across the road from each other. In the wood lot at Sycamore Stock Farm is a tulip poplar that furnishes an abundance of flowers each Decoration Day, and many friends of the family come there for them.

While Thomas Belknap was a Baptist, the Zera Belknap family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Spring Hill, although C. W. Belknap and his wife sometimes attend the Fountain Valley Baptist Church. The Belknap family vote is cast with the republican party, and there has always been a military note in its history. It is known that Thomas Belknap was born on a family homestead in Vermont that had come to his father, name unknown to Zera Belknap, in consideration of his service in the War of the Revolution.

Francis Marion Belknap did the honors of the family as a soldier in the Civil war, and in the present generation Frederick G. Belknap, who lives with his parents in Spring Hill, spent fourteen months in the service in the war of the nations. For eleven months in the World war he was "somewhere in France," and like other young soldiers he says very little about his war time experiences. As soldiers grow older the campfire spirit takes deeper hold on them. While there is a Belknap genealogy in existence, C. W. Belknap does not possess it. Zera Belknap, father of C. W. and F. G., died March 3d, 1920, and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Levi McConkey. While the name McConkey is of Scotch origin, the coming of Levi McConkey of Dover to Fulton county, July 1, 1859, was the beginning of the local family history. Mr. McConkey was born April 22, 1839, in Wayne county, and when he was twenty he came to Fulton county. He is one of four children

born to William and Rachel (Miley) McConkey. They were: Margaret, Levi, Isaiah and Adeline. When he was thirty-eight years old William McConkey died, and later the widow married James Welles. They had two daughters, Rachel and Sophronia, half sisters to Levi McConkey, who enrolls the family in the Fulton County History.

It was with the family of his step-father, James Welles, that Levi McConkey came from Wayne to Fulton county. In the ancestral line William McConkey was one of ten children born to Thomas and Elizabeth (Hague) McConkey. He was the oldest and the others: Mahaleth, Mary, Rachel, Orpha, Ruth, Elizabeth, Namona, Hannah, and Reason. Thomas McConkey, "with what family he had," migrated from Pennsylvania to Wayne county, Ohio, when there was nothing but a blockhouse at Wooster to protect the settlers from the Indians. He moved in an ox-cart and forded many streams. He entered a section of land in the Wayne county wilderness when the forest was full of Indians and wild animals—Indians their only visitors. Here part of the children mentioned were born, and Levi McConkey is the son of William.

There is a place in Pennsylvania called McConkey's Ferry commemorating this pioneer McConkey family. While the definite time of the removal of the family to Ohio is unknown, the father of Thomas McConkey, who had come from Scotland to Pennsylvania, came with him to Wayne county. While there is no definite information the story is told that he met his wife aboard a sailing vessel when both were coming to America. Levi McConkey does not know the name of this ancestor, but he is certain that she lies buried at Shreve in Wayne county. There is an old cemetery there on the McConkey farm, but in that time the graves were not marked as they are today. However, there is a small marker at the grave of William McConkey.

Isaiah McConkey, of Wauseon, is a brother of Levi, and there is a half-sister, Mrs. Sophronia Welles, of Chesterfield, all of the family who are living today. James Welles and his wife, Rachel Miley McConkey Welles, lie buried in the Ayres Cemetery.

January 7, 1869, Levi McConkey married Emily C. Minnich, who was one of four children born to Peter and Catharine (Downs) Minnich. The brother and sisters are: Louisa, John and Lodema. The Minnich family is of German descent, the ancestry coming to America about 1600, and the direct line had lived in Pennsylvania before coming to Ohio. The Downs family settled in Seneca county in 1824, and while Peter Minnich came from Pennsylvania the time is unknown, but he was married in Seneca county. They settled on a farm in the part of Lucas now known as Fulton county.

It was here the Minnich children were born, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi McConkey were married, and their two children, Catharine A. and Clarence L., are citizens. Mrs. McConkey died November 14, 1913, at the family homestead in Dover, and the daughter remains as home-maker for her father. Clarence L. McConkey married Elizabeth Wilford, January 27, 1906, and their children are: Ida May and Emily Jane.

The McConkey family have been identified with Fulton county community affairs for three score years, and its record will bear investigation. Their politics are republican, although years ago Levi McConkey was a democrat. One day at a political meeting in

Wooster he saw a street pageant representing Lincoln as the rail-splitter. He was in sympathy with the cause of labor and other issues before the country, and from that time he has voted with the republican party.

As a family the McConkeys have communed with the Church of Christ both at Shreve and at Spring Hill, and for fifty years Levi McConkey was teacher in the Bible School connected with the local church. The industry of the family has been the world's oldest occupation, agriculture, and since 1871 Mr. McConkey has lived on the farm in Dover. The barn was built in 1898, and the house in the Century year—and here they all live in comfort.

While Mr. McConkey is four score years old he has not abated his interest in the news of the day. While he is no longer active in public affairs he is still interested in them. He has read the National Tribune from its first publication. He enlisted as a Civil war soldier in Company I of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry in August, 1862, one of the fighting regiments of the war, and while he was in the thickest of the fire in a number of battles he came through without personal injury. It was a trained regiment he joined and there was no delay. He was on the firing line from the beginning, and he has the honor of being among those who fired the last shot at Appomattox.

Mr. McConkey participated in the capture of the last piece of artillery taken from the Confederate Army, and his entire regiment had the same feeling of pride about it. Now that he looks from life's hill slope over a life well spent, Levi McConkey has pride in his military record as well as in his career as a private citizen. When one has lived for sixty years in one community he becomes a part of it, and pride is pardonable in such things. Aye, pride in achievement is a commendable thing.

Dealton Adelbert Boyers. There is little definite information as to the exact time of the beginning of the Boyers' family history in Fulton county. There is evolution in the spelling of many family names, and Dealton Adelbert Boyers of Dover is convinced that in Pennsylvania the ancestry had been known by the name of Boyer. There is a Boyertown where his ancestry had lived, but somewhere along the way another letter has been added in spelling the name—Boyer in Pennsylvania, and Boyers in Ohio. In Fulton county the name has always been written Boyers.

The local Boyers' family history began with the coming of Jacob Boyers from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He came with the family of an uncle, William Jones. There was an influx of Pennsylvania families to northern Ohio along about 1840, and it is estimated that Jacob Boyers came about that time. He was young, and none of his relatives ever visited him, and while the name Boyer is often heard in Ohio, no relationship has ever been established with people of that name. The immediate descendants of Jacob Boyers know absolutely nothing of his early history.

When Jacob Boyers came as a boy to Ohio he looked out for himself. Finally he worked by the year for a settler named Thomas Walters, receiving in payment an eighty acre tract of land at a consideration of $125, the land now rated at $200 an acre, and here on March 31, 1844, the Boyers family history properly had its beginning in Ohio. On that day Jacob Boyers married Lydia Jewell.

She was a daughter of the Rev. Joseph Jewell, a pioneer minister of the Disciples of Christ, known today as Christians. The same church exists today in Spring Hill. While the Jewells were a Connecticut family, Lydia Jewell was born September 12, 1824, in Newburg, Ohio, it being on the itinerary of the frontier minister. As a young girl of sixteen years she later came with the family to the territory since developed into Fulton county, and here she met Jacob Boyers.

It is known that Lydia Jewell had three brothers in the Civil war, Enos, Simon and Joseph, and two of them, Simon and Joseph, died in the Southland. Her sisters were: Julia, Margaret, Nancy and Sarah, but none of that generation is living today, and little is known of their personal history. In 1849 Jacob Boyers joined a prospecting company being organized in Wayne county, Ohio, and he went overland to California. He remained long enough to secure sufficient gold nuggets from the proceeds of which improvements were later made on this farm he owned in Fulton county. D. A. Boyers treasures a finger ring today that was made from gold ore dug from the mines by his father.

A letter bearing date of January 20, 1853, written by Jacob Boyers to his family, tells of his life in the mining camps in Yuba county, California. It is written in legible hand and is a relic carefully guarded by the son and his wife, a connecting link in the chain of family history. Thus ends the story of that generation, their names having all been inscribed on tombstones in the Ayers Cemetery not far from Spring Hill in the west edge of Dover. The children born to Jacob and Lydia (Jewell) Boyers are: Simeon J., deceased; Jane, Ella, Belinda—the latter deceased, and always called Duck; next was D. A. Boyers, who relates the family story; William, Levi, deceased, and Addie. Louis died in infancy.

The Boyers-Jewell families have been engaged in agriculture with here and there a digression, there having been ministers and teachers in the different generations. Politics—unanimously republican, with decided "water wagon" convictions. The family has always been allied with the Christian Church, and identified with all movements for the better community conditions.

On August 18, 1878, Dealton Adelbert Boyers married Laura Rebekah Miley at the Miley homestead near Spring Hill, and since that time it has been the home of the Boyers family, although March 1, 1920, they left it. The Miley family name has been in the annals of Fulton county since 1845, when George Miley located in Wauseon. In 1872 he removed to Dover—the Miley-Boyers family homestead near Spring Hill. George Miley was born December 12, 1816, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and he married Lettisha Welles, March 31, 1839, in Holmes county, Ohio. They located in Hancock county, where their first child, Jesse W. Miley, was born, and they returned to Holmes county, where two sons, Benjamin F. and William B., were born before they came to Fulton county.

The children born in Fulton county on the farmstead near Wauseon are Levi E., Enos S., George H., and Laura R., and two who died in infancy were Rufus and Mary Ellen. The four living, 1919, are: Benjamin F., Levi E., and Enos S., beside one sister, Mrs. Laura R. Boyers. Through the oldest brother, Jesse W. Miley, there are children in the fifth generation and through Mrs. Boyers there are twenty-six in the fourth generation of the Mileys in Fulton county.

The children in the Boyers family are: Loren W., who married Lottie Ives. Their children are: Ralph, Ray, Otto, Elbert, Laura, Lucile and Kenneth. George M. married Eunice Clark. Their children are: Glen, Bertha, Leo, Clark, Howard and Edith. Elma is the wife of George Campbell. Their children are: Paul, Helen, Louis and Wayne. Florence is the wife of B. F. Shaffer. Their children are: Wave, Bruce, Donald, Byron and Fern. Helen is the wife of Prof. E. L. Hoskin. Their children are: Eldon Elbert and Helen Elizabeth. Levi married Joy Krontz. Their children are: Gerald, Grace, Beatrice and Bertram. Bernard, the youngest child, is a student in Spring Hill special school, where all the older Boyers' children were enrolled, and as they graduated there they went to Wauseon High School, and Helen went to Hiram College. Elma was a teacher in common school, and except L. W., who is a painter in Wauseon, and Levi, who has a garage in West Unity, and Helen, who lives in Portland, Oregon, the Boyers family are located on farms in Fulton county. Now that the family homestead has been sold, Mr. and Mrs. Boyers have planned a western trip, after which they will live in retirement somewhere in Fulton county.

While the name Miley was one time known to all in the Spring Hill community, today it is only known in Delta and on the gravestones in the Ayres Cemetery, where sleep the grandparents on both sides—Boyers-Miley. These pioneers had all been associated with the community development, and all of them exerted an influence for good, the obituary notice of George Miley reading: "He was one of that old stock of Christians who carried his Testament in his pocket, and met everybody with the 'Thus sayeth the Lord.'"

While Jacob Boyers died comparatively a young man, George Miley attained to more than ninety-two years, and an account of his Golden Wedding anniversary reads: "About eighty guests assembled at the family residence near Spring Hill on Thursday, March 21, 1889, to do them honor. Fifty years ago they had joined hands and lives, and have been mutual in toil and interests for the best half of the most progressive century in the world's history."

Mr. and Mrs. Boyers remember many of the stories of pioneer life, and said Mrs. Boyers: "If young people today had to live as did the pioneers they would think it a terrible thing;" and, again, they remember hearing them say: "The happiest days in our lives," and believe they meant it. When William Welles first came into Fulton county prospecting for land on which to locate his children, one of them, Mrs. Lettisha Miley says he left his saddle bags in the care of the tavern keeper for the night, saying it was "nails," when in reality it was the purchase money for the farm land he finally left to them.

While they had sugar camps and plenty of home made maple sugar in the frontier community, they did not have furniture and George Miley used to put logs in the fireplace and in lieu of chairs roll out the sugar kegs on which to seat his guests while spending an evening in the cabin. Time was when the dense forest was the problem, but under war time economics today the question is where the next cord of stove wood is to be found, or what the sugar limitation will be at the grocery store. There are very different economic conditions confronting the citizenry of today from the civilization known to the Fulton county pioneers. The Boyers-

Miley family story reflects conditions in scores of other pioneer families in Fulton county.

JOHN J. SPIESS is a son of one of the early Swiss settlers of Fulton county, and has exemplified the sturdy characteristics of his race during an active career of over thirty years, has developed a fine farm and distinguished himself by his public-spirited relationship to all the community interests of German Township, where he has spent all his life.

He was born in that township in 1868, son of Jacob J. and Caroline (Knapp) Spiess. His father was born in one of the Cantons of Switzerland and came to this country at the age of fifteen. He made settlement in German Township, acquired and developed a tract of land there, was prospered by his thrift and enterprise, and reared a family of eleven children, John J. being the oldest of the sons.

The latter attended the country school in District No. 13 until he was fourteen years of age. His education was acquired with a term of a few months each year and the rest of the season was given to the labors and responsibilities of the home farm. He was taught the art of successful farming by his father, and remained at home and worked for his father to the age of twenty-six. He then rented 61½ acres a half mile south of Archbold, and later bought that property and has since acquired adjoining land until he now has a well proportioned farm of 110 acres, well adapted to general farming purposes.

Mr. Spiess married Elizabeth Nofziger, the youngest daughter of Christian and Barbara (Rupp) Nofziger, on December 27, 1900. Seven daughters were born into their home: Virgie Walila, Alta Carolena, Nellie May, Charlotte Celesta, Wilma Belle, Violet Elizabeth and Lodema Jane. All are still living, constituting a bright and happy family, the daughters all being taught the lessons and principles which are at the foundation of our national life. Mr. Spiess and family are members of the Reformed Church and politically he is a republican.

WALTER PERRY CLARK. While the family story connected with the early life of Walter Perry Clark of Spring Hill (Tedrow) belongs properly to the City of Detroit, since April 27, 1915, his permanent residence has been in Fulton county. Mr. Clark is the youngest in a family of three children born to Alvin S. and Helen (Hawley) Clark. He has a sister, Mrs. Maie (Clark) Bennett, of Detroit, and he had a brother, Frank Clark, who died in young manhood.

Mr. Clark's father, A. S. Clark, deceased, was the third in a family of seven children born to John P. Clark. They are: Avis, Alice, Alvin, Florence, Norman, Arthur and Walter. The history of John P. Clark and his family is closely interwoven with the history of the City of Detroit. The name Clark has been perpetuated there by the name of Clark avenue and the John P. Clark Park, Clark avenue bordering the farm once owned by him, and the park being named by the citizens of Detroit in recognition of the donor. Clark Park was the forest reservation on the Clark homestead, now in the heart of the city.

The Alice Clark Clipper ship, built at the foot of Clark avenue, was the first Great Lakes vessel designed as an ocean going craft.

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and it was later sold in Glasgow, Scotland. None of the children of John P. Clark survive, and in the next generation, the grandchildren, there are six, and one of them is Walter P. Clark. His sister, Mrs. Bennett, and a cousin, Norman Atcheson, are all who live in Detroit today. The only grandson bearing the time honored name of Clark now lives in Spring Hill, W. P. Clark.

Mr. Clark married Ida May Oden, May 10, 1900, in Toledo, and together they have visited many places of interest. He has been a traveling salesman and they have lived on the road together. They have traveled by land and by water, Mr. Clark serving as passenger clerk on many of the largest lake steamers. He has benefited, however, from the family investments in Detroit, and while he now lives in retirement, his income is from steamboat investments in Detroit and real estate both in Detroit and Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have visited the principal cities together from Duluth to New Orleans, and from New York to San Francisco.

After all Mr. and Mrs. Clark find more pleasure and real comfort in their quiet home and garden plot in Spring Hill than anywhere else in the whole country. The lure of the world is as nothing to them after living for a time in quiet enjoyment—home the most restful spot of all. "'Mid pleasures and palaces," well, their "Home, Sweet Home," holds them as permanent citizens of Fulton county. They are content with the little world in which they live, and when absent they are always glad to return to their own "vine and fig tree."

JEREMIAH (JERRY) JONES. When the immediate family history of Jeremiah, always called "Jerry" Jones, began in this "neck o' the woods," what is now Fulton was then part of Lucas county. A government deed in possession of Mr. Jones, signed by President James K. Polk June 1, 1845, shows that William Jones, Jr., father of Jeremiah Jones, came into the ownership of the family homestead, section No. 1 in Dover Township, on that date, and since then it has been in the one family name. This was five years before the organization of Fulton county.

The family tradition is that William Jones, Sr., lived in York Township, but there is no record extant of the time when he located there. It is known, however, that Jeremiah Jones, born July 17, 1846, is in the third generation of this pioneer family in Fulton county. While he does not remember his grandfather, William Jones, Sr., the grandmother lived many years in the family of his father, William Jones, Jr., and he remembers her distinctly. She lived many years after the death of his own father, which occurred February 25, 1857.

Jeremiah Jones well remembers that his mother, Rachel (Tedrow) Jones, reared the family alone. She died November 23, 1876, and like Dorcas of old, she had done her part in the world. She was a daughter of Isaac Tedrow, who was a farmer and the first postmaster at Tedrow, the postoffice later being removed from the Tedrow farm to Spring Hill, and since then Spring Hill is frequently called Tedrow. The Jones and Tedrow families of that generation are all gone the way of the world. However, their family story is properly part of the History of Fulton County.

In the Jones family there were uncles: John and Daniel, and there were aunts: Katy, Polly, Elizabeth, Sallie and Melinda, and in the Tedrow family were Jeremiah and Isaiah, who were twins,

and William, and the aunts were: Elizabeth, Mary, Katy Ann, Rachel, Delilah and Jane. So much for the preceding generation in both families, Jones and Tedrow.

The children born to William Jones, Jr., and Rachel Tedrow were: Newton, Isaiah, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Louisa, William, Emery and Cornelius. Only two, Jeremiah and Elizabeth, are living today, and the day of the interview she was his guest.

On April 14, 1878, Jeremiah Jones married Emma Herreman. She is a daughter of Dr. Henry and Salvina (Loomis) Herreman. They came from Ashtabula county in 1844 to western Ohio. Her father, Doctor Herreman, was an active man in community affairs, and he practiced medicine for many years in the frontier community. Mrs. Jones had two brothers: Warren S., who now occupies the old family homestead in Dover, and Charles, who died in boyhood. Her sisters are Elsie M. and Anastasia.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones are: Elton W., born June 20, 1879, who married Ruby Dunbar; Bayard F., born December 2, 1880, who married Edna Hunt; Merton C., born August 18, 1882, who married Bessie Guilford, has one son, Claire; Bessie R., born November 5, 1884, is the wife of Charles F. Gype, and their children are Donald and Doris; Vida G., born July 26, 1886, is the wife of Clarence Van Dyke Worley; Maysel A., born August 31, 1889, is the wife of Clarence Hollister, and their children are Hilon and Rollin; Ernest A., born August 22, 1891, married Maud Smith, and they have one son, Alva Bay; Herma A., born May 23, 1896, is the wife of Rollo Frazier, and their children are Arlene and Leon; Floy E., born March 27, 1898, is the wife of Orville Markley, and they have two children, Evelyn and Russell Dean. There has never been a vacant chair, and all the family circle lives within the bounds of Fulton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones gave all of their children common school educations, and they taught them industry along with mental acquirements. The vote of the family has always been cast with the republican party. While they have always attended the Ottokee Methodist Church, they have never joined it. Mr. Jones is a member of Wauseon Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 362, and the sons and daughters all sustain about the same relation to their respective communities. The family homestead bears evidence of careful husbandry, and while Mr. Jones is no longer in the active management there is a double set of farm buildings, and they continue their residence there even to the fourth generation—grandchildren living on the same farmstead with them.

There are few farms in Fulton county which in the course of three score and ten years have never been transferred from the original family name, the deed to this one having been signed by a United States president. The farm buildings are substantial and modern, the house having a basement story with furnace heat and sanitary plumbing, the water system being extended to both houses and all of the farm buildings. From the standpoint of modern comforts there is no reason why the family should quit the farm where they have lived so many years. Isolation is no longer a hardship with the rural community.

Arthur Lorenzo Badgley and Mrs. Adelia A. Badgley. In October, 1919, there were four generations sheltered under one roof-

tree in the Badgley-Beecher homestead near Ottokee. It is the home of Arthur L. Badgley, his mother, Mrs. Adelia A. Badgley, his grandfather, Myron Augustus Beecher, and his four children, Robert Augustus, Mary Adelia, Myron Mills and Dale Lorenzo Badgley.

Since April 4, 1872, this family has lived in Fulton county, locating first in Clinton, lived for a time in York and finally settled in Dover, where they have had continuous residence. Mr. Beecher, born June 21, 1823, is among the oldest citizens of the county. At the age of ninety-seven years he reads the daily newspapers without the use of spectacles. He has had his second sight for many years, and when his general health is unimpaired his hearing is excellent. Very little in ordinary conversation escapes his notice.

Since he was a voter Mr. Beecher has never missed an election except in 1872, when he lost his vote through moving from Michigan to Ohio. His first presidential vote was for James K. Polk, and that is the only time he ever voted with the democratic party.

Arthur L. Badgley and his brother Myron Ransom Badgley of Los Angeles are the two sons born to Theodore Mills and Adelia A. (Beecher) Badgley. Mrs. Badgley is the only daughter of her father, M. A. Beecher. Mr. and Mrs. Badgley were married October 7, 1866, in Dover Township, Lenawee county, Michigan. The Badgleys were a New Jersey family, who in 1847 had located in Lenawee county. The father was George W. and the mother, Elizabeth (Earl) Badgley. They had four children born in New Jersey and five after they lived in Michigan. They were: Joseph H., Theodore M., George W., William A., Elijah H., Samantha, Eliza, Frank and Laura.

There is little known of the history of the Earls except that they lived in New Jersey. The mother was a woman who never said anything about her relatives. Some of the Badgley relatives still live in Michigan. Theodore M. Badgley died at the family home in Dover, May 25, 1918, and that leaves Arthur L. Badgley at the head of the family in Fulton county. His mother, the only child of Myron Augustus and Martha Louisa (Ludlum) Beecher, is the homemaker for all of them.

Mr. Beecher and his wife each belonged to a family of nine children, and each was the fifth child and each survived all of the others. The wife died July 13, 1909, leaving him in the home where they had lived so long, and which was destroyed by fire May 10, 1916, and since then Mr. Beecher has lived in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Badgley. In the old Beecher home were many old time household articles that would now be highly valued by the younger relatives. There were old land grants from England signed by King George conveying wild lands in America to Abraham Beecher, the grandfather of Myron A. Beecher, now nearing the century mark in human history.

It is known that four Beecher brothers were immigrants from England—one of them Abraham Beecher. His son, Robert Beecher, was the father of Myron A. Beecher. Robert Beecher married Adelia Denning, and thus Mrs. Adelia A. Badgley carries the name of her grandmother. Mr. Beecher remained in Connecticut until after the death of his father and mother, when, accompanied by one sister, Frances Adelia Beecher, he removed to Michigan. An older brother, Robert R. Beecher, had already located there, where he was an attorney-at-law. They reached Adrian August 26, 1846,

remaining there until 1872, when Mr. Beecher came to Fulton county.

The Ludlums were a New York family, but all records were burned and little is known today about them. It is known that Dr. Lyman Beecher was a cousin to Robert Beecher, and thus the descent of M. A. Beecher is related to Henry Ward Beecher and his sister, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. Outside the immediate household there are no Badgley-Beecher relatives in the community.

Arthur L. Badgley married Mary Stutzman, June 25, 1898, and to them were born four children, already mentioned—the fourth generation. She was a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Wyse) Stutzman, of German Township. She was one of thirteen children: Sarah, Elizabeth, Louise, Lavina, Fanny, Sarah, Eva and Mary, and Daniel, Samuel, Albert, John and Stephen. She was the fifth child and she died December 27, 1916, just when Mr. Badgley was building a splendid new house for her. Since that time the four generations in the family have lived under one roof in the home of Mrs. Adelia A. Badgley.

Myron R. Badgley married Sadie Oden, who died in a short time. He later married Amelia Hasert, and their five children are: Clarence. Howard (deceased), Catharine, Elsie and Rose Amelia. The mother died, and he married Iva Hunt. Since 1904 he has lived in Los Angeles. The Badgley brothers had common school education at Ottokee, and with the father and grandfather they have always voted the republican ticket. While the family is not enrolled as members of church they believe in Sabbath observance and high standards of living. Mrs. Badgley works with the local church societies, and they all attend church services at times.

A. L. Badgley belongs to the Ancient Order of Gleaners, Ottokee Arbor, and today his children are in the district school at Ottokee. The family burial plot, the Ottokee Cemetery, adjoins the farm where the Badgley-Beecher family has lived for many years. They plan to complete the new house begun before the death of Mrs. A. L. Badgley, and all will move into it. Because of his years Mr. Beecher is shown great deference in the Ottokee community.

Bayard Floyd Jones. Since February 1, 1916, Bayard F. Jones—they call him "Bay" in the community, has been superintendent and his wife has been matron of the Fulton County Farm and Home for Indigents, those unfortunates who know no other enchanted spot by the sacred name of home, sweet home. Will Carlton's poem: "Over The Hills To The Poor House," loses its significance, however, when Mr. and Mrs. Jones have to do with the institutional life of Fulton county. While discipline in an institution is absolutely necessary, they are humane in their dealings with the community's unforunates.

While Mr. Jones serves Fulton county, and his business relation to the community is with the county commissioners, he simply applies the business methods of any other good farmer and husbandman and makes the county farm sustain itself. He is the second son of Jeremiah Jones, and having been reared on a nearby farmstead, he is familiar with the land production and the market conditions. He is thereby able to manage the business of Fulton county on a paying basis—business methods in county agriculture and institutional affairs While there is a shifting, uncertain population at the Fulton County Home adjoining the ancient town of Ottokee,

once the county seat of Fulton, and in winter there are always more dependents than in summer, in September, 1919, there were twenty men and eight women sheltered there.

As superintendent and matron Mr. and Mrs. Jones are able to secure valuable assistance in the farm and household duties from some of the wards of Fulton county. They realize their own moral responsibility, and if the wards were competent helpers they would not be sheltered in an institution. Under the management of a former superintendent and matron Mr. and Mrs. Jones both had employment there, and thus they gained valuable knowledge of the work of the Associated Charities in Fulton county and Ohio in general. In that way they were peculiarly fitted for their present requirements as superintendent and matron of the institution. Mr. Jones always attends the meetings of the State Board of Charities.

Mr. Jones married Edna Hunt, September 22, 1908. She is a daughter of Aubigne A. and Alice (Page) Hunt. While her birth place was Braintree, Massachusetts, the family later removed to Michigan and now live in Hudson, in which place her father died February 7, 1920. Her sister, Lillian, is the wife of Dwight Heacock, and she has one child, Pauline A. Heacock. A brother, Vinton A., died in young manhood. Another brother, Carroll P., married Florence Huff. Another brother, James, was in the United States Navy in the war of the nations.

Mrs. Jones graduated from high school in Morenci, Michigan. Later she studied in the Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, and she was a teacher in rural schools in both Lenawee county, Michigan, and Fulton county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Jones affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ottokee, and while he is republican in politics his position as farm superintendent is not a political plum, but it is under the Civil Service branch of the state.

Through their relation to the Fulton County Home, Mr. and Mrs. Jones enjoy a wide acquaintance in the community. In the course of a year many people visit the institution. The environment is splendid, and it is a pleasant retreat for those who need its shelter.

William Henry Pike. Because he has always lived in one community William Henry Pike, of "Pike's Peak" in Dover, is interested in the historical development of Fulton county, and his wife, at one time a pupil of F. H. Reighard, encouraged him in placing an order for the History of Fulton County. Their young son, Willis Henry Pike, is in the fourth generation of the family on one farmstead, and the elevation on which the house stands is most appropriately known as Pike's Peak—the home for so many years of the Pike family.

W. H. Pike is one of five children born at this homestead in the family of Judson and Sarah Adelia (Wise) Pike, and in time he was more than an elder brother—he was father to the younger ones. They are: Charles Edward, Myra May, Jennie Alice and Glen Romain. When the youngest was three the father died, and the mother died when he was seven, and the oldest son, William H., became at once father and mother to the younger brothers and sisters. All remained with him until they established homes for themselves. However, only one brother, Charles E., lives in Fulton

county today. All the others live in Michigan, but they pay frequent visits at the old family homestead—Pike's Peak.

Judson Pike and his wife were married February 25, 1872, and both were always residents of Fulton county. They lie buried in Spring Hill Cemetery. He was one of twelve children born to Alanson and Hannah (Link) Pike, who soon after their marriage in New York had located in Gorham Township, but they later lived in Wauseon. In their family were nine sons and three daughters, but because of the early deaths among them and the death of his father, W. H. Pike has no list of their names. Some of them died in infancy, and he never heard their names at all. Those who reached adult years are: Judson, Chester, Albert, Hiram, James, Homer, Angeline, Myra and Oliver.

Alanson Pike who lies buried in the Wauseon Cemetery, was the founder of the house of Pike in Fulton county. A brother to Hannah Pike, Elmer Link, was one time a temporary resident of Fulton county. Sarah Adelia (Wise) Pike was one of nine children born to Daniel and Catharine (Lingle) Wise. They were: Sarah Adelia, William Henry, Charles, James, Oscar, Alice, Clara, Ella and Agnes. All but the two older ones are living today (October, 1919). All but Alice live in Fulton county. The Wise family came from Seneca to Fulton.

William H. Pike, who enrolls his ancestry, married Olga Keszler, March 25, 1908, and to them has been born one son, Willis Henry. Mrs. Pike is the youngest of four children: Elizabeth, Emma, William and Olga, born to Nicklous and Catharine (Miller) Keszler. There is German and French in the family blood, Nicklous Keszler having been born in Huron county, Ohio, while Catharine Miller was born in Germany. When the mother was a girl of nine she came with her parents, Henry and Susannah (Bush) Miller, to Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Keszler each belonged to a family of nine children, and each was the oldest child.

The children in the Keszler family are: Nicklous, Walter, Martin, Henry, Rachel, Barbara, Rosa, Lena and one that died in infancy. The children in the Miller family are: Catharine, Andrew, William, Henry, Jacob, Barbara, Christina, Elizabeth and Caroline. Three are living today in the Keszler family, while in the Miller family there is but one. Although she was born in Sandusky, Mrs. Pike's parents had lived for twenty years in Fulton county. In 1887 they located in Swan Creek, and they lie buried in Centerville Cemetery. Willis Henry, the young son in the Pike family, never saw any of his grandparents. The Keszlers all live in Fulton county except one sister, who lives in Sandusky.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pike had common school advantages, and they are identified with Ottokee Grange and Ottokee Arbor of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. The family vote has always been republican, and the ancestral family belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Alanson Pike endowed the church in Wauseon —one of the conditions being the perpetual care of the family graves in the Wauseon Cemetery.

Mrs. Olga Pike was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Swan Creek, and the son, Willis Henry, has been baptized in Trinity Lutheran Church, Wauseon.

Oliver and Hiram Pike were Civil war soldiers, Oliver dying in the service at Bowling Green, Kentucky. William Nicklous Bix-

ler, a nephew to Mrs. Pike, died of influenza at Camp Custer. He was buried in the uniform he would have worn in overseas service had he been spared to go across with his regiment in the war of the nations.

In all its history the Pike family has been identified with the world's oldest occupation—agriculture, and on "Farmers' Pension Day" Mr. and Mrs. Pike are in Wauseon for their dairy money, the sale of milk supplementing the income from the farmstead. When W. H. Pike came to his place of residence he was a "baby in long clothes," and he has no thought of any other habitation in the world.

Mortimer M. Taylor. While there is no early day family story in connection with the ancestry of Mortimer M. Taylor of Echo Farm in Chesterfield, through his marriage to Fannie Mariah Butler, June 4, 1890, he became identified with the history of the first family to locate in the wilderness—later developed into Chesterfield Township and named in honor of an ancestor.

M. M. Taylor is the third child born to Aralza J. and Louisa (Mapes) Taylor, Ella, the first born, having died in childhood, and Alfred is a resident of Michigan. While Mr. Taylor was born near Echo Farm, his early life was spent in Michigan. Five years after his marriage he returned to Fulton county, and the reverberations produced by natural conditions suggested the name Echo Farm, where he devotes his attention to agriculture, although he does some contract work and for several years has had much to do with township affairs in Chesterfield.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are: Virgie L., wife of Henry E. Hill. Their children are Marion, Leston and Audrey. Clifford J. married Leota Shaffer. Their children are: Hal A., and Betty Jane. Ruth is the wife of Roy Marks. Their son is David Taylor. The younger children are: Roy A., Jay, Josephine, Evelyn and Chesterfield Clemmons. Jay and Evelyn died in childhood.

The youngest son, Chesterfield Clemmons, bears the ancestral name of the man who was the first settler, and for whom the township was named—the first white man in the territory now known as Chesterfield. Chesterfield Clemmons arrived October 8, 1834, and that long ago Dover and Gorham had not been set off from Chesterfield. It was in territorial days, sixteen years before the organization of Fulton county.

This Butler-Clemmons family history is given to posterity by Mrs. Taylor, the youngest daughter of John S. and Lovina (Clemmons) Butler. Their children are: Richard, Sarah, Wilford, Mary, Eunice, Edward, Ulysses and Fannie—Mrs. Taylor. Only four: Eunice, Edward, Ulysses and Fannie, survive.

John S. Butler, founder of the House of Butler in Fulton county, was born May 18, 1824, at Lyons, Wayne county, New York, a son of Asa H. and Sarah (Daggett) Butler. There were four brothers: Samuel, Charles, Elijah and James, and there was one sister, Mary. When John S. Butler was nine years old the family removed to Cleveland, showing that in 1833 the Butler family history began in Ohio.

This nine-year-old boy, John S. Butler, was "bound out" in Cleveland to Col. Alanson Briggs, who was an Indian trader. In

the fall of 1834 he secured possession of a large tract of wild land in western Ohio, now Fulton county, and on the Michigan strip, and in the spring of 1835 Colonel Briggs and his family removed to it, bringing "John, the chore boy," along, and this boy was destined to be at the head of a frontier family of his own in time. In the meantime he was reared by Colonel Briggs, whose two daughters, Eliza and Angeline, regarded him as their brother.

It was Lord Byron who said: "Truth is stranger than fiction," and there is much in the life story of John S. Butler that seems like the stories that begin: "Once upon a time." In reminiscent vein Mr. Butler once wrote: "The trip from Cleveland was made overland, and it was my first experience of pioneer life. Colonel Briggs was wealthy, and he came here to establish an Indian trading post," and he relates that a stock of merchandise was carried along from Cleveland, and that the teams were frequently "stalled," while crossing the Black Swamp enroute to the wild land to be made the abiding place of the family. They brought livestock along and they soon had a farm dairy about their cabin home in the new country.

The settlers along the way helped the Briggs family out of many difficulties enroute, and in time the trading post was a landmark along the trails leading farther into the frontier country. Colonel Briggs was a busy man. He had been brevetted colonel in the second war with England, and the Indian warfare did not have much terror for him. Oftentimes "John, the chore boy," was left in charge of the trading post, and by personal encounter he soon learned to talk with the Indians. For more than one year his only playmates were the young Indians, and when he saw the first white boy, Edwin Patterson, both were speechless as they looked at each other.

In time John S. Butler became one of the best known Indian interpreters, and when the United States government finally transferred the Indians to the reservations west of the Mississippi he rendered valuable aid both to the Indians and the government officials in getting them ready for transportation.

One October day in 1835 some Indians came to the trading post and informed Colonel Briggs of another "pale face," another white man already located in the wilderness. Among them was Chief Winameg, and from him the "chore boy," learned that "white man build wigwam," the first knowledge they had of Chesterfield Clemmons, who had preceded them into the community. In directing them to the Clemmons domicile Chief Winameg led them to a stone that had been located by government surveyors, and in the Indian tongue and with signs he indicated the turns in the way at other stones—so many stones and so many turns, and next day Colonel Briggs and the boy set out to locate their frontier neighbors.

Mr. Butler writes: "We received a warm welcome into this home; we were the first white people they had seen in over a year," and it was in this household that the "chore boy" first saw Lovina Clemmons, who was later to become part of his own life history. He married her on June 14, 1846—something like ten years later.

It was June 22, 1821, that this frontiersman and his wife, Chesterfield Clemmons and Fannie Downing, had been married at Auburn, New York, a good many years before they located in the wilderness of Chesterfield—the township named for Chesterfield

Clemmons at the suggestion of Colonel Briggs at the time of the first election a short time later held in the Indian trading post store. There were eight children: Sally Ann, Lucretia, Rosetta, Lovina (later the bride of John S. Butler), Eunice, Lucinda and two boys: William and Samuel.

When Chesterfield Clemmons and his family arrived at the spot in the unbroken forest—not a stick amiss in all that vast wilderness that was henceforth to be their home, October 8, 1834, there was no kind of a roof to offer them shelter. They camped in their wagon until they could build their first log cabin home in this land of so little promise to them; which was yet to commemorate them; this their introduction to Chesterfield. The Chesterfield Grange Hall marks the site today, the Clemmons, Gillis, Onweller, Harger farmstead is the original Clemmons family homestead. The commodious house is unoccupied, and one thinks of the visit there when the "chore boy" first saw the charming daughter—changed conditions with the passing years.

The Indian trading post, the home of John S. Butler was only three miles from there in the unbroken forest. There were only Indian trails through northern Ohio then, and that explains why one pioneer family did not know of the other's existence. Chesterfield Clemmons had come over the Rice trail while Colonel Briggs had come over the territorial road from Toledo.

The Butler-Clemmons family had its part in shaping the future of the primitive country, and both Mr. Clemmons and the young boy in question were both in attendance at the first township election, July 19, 1837, when Colonel Briggs proposed that the name Chesterfield be given the township in honor of its first citizen. In his boyhood Mr. Butler carried the United States mail from Sylvania westward to La Grange county, Indiana, and he used to recount his many adventures with wild animals in the perilous journey. Some times he was a guide for travelers who were badly frightened at many narrow escapes enroute, and Mrs. Taylor's scrap book is filled with such adventures.

When he reached manhood's estate Mr. Butler had his choice between an Indian pony and forty acres of Fulton county farm land as his bounty from Colonel Briggs. There was land, land, land everywhere and the young man chose the pony, thinking he could later acquire the land, and he was right about it. Mr. Butler was a great newspaper reader, and he was posted on all lines of business, the school of experience being his only teacher.

It is related of Mrs. Butler that she was a markswoman, and one day a neighbor who heard the gun shots went around the house to where eight birds were lying on the ground under the cherry trees. Mr. and Mrs. Butler lived more than three score years together. She belonged to the Disciples Church, and for more than twenty years he served as justice of the peace in Chesterfield. They were community builders—a man and woman adapted to the times in which they lived, and the History of Fulton County would be incomplete if it did not contain their life history. They lived when history was being enacted in the community.

William Henry Cochran. The Cochran family history in Fulton county begins with the coming of Uriah Cochran and his family October 9, 1865, from Columbiana county. Back of that there is little known of the Cochran family story. Uriah Cochran

was a posthumous child, and at an early age he went among strangers. He lived for a number of years with the family of William Smith in Columbiana county. While there is no record of the Christian names of Mr. Cochran's parents, it is understood that the mother had three sets of children, and that Uriah was a son from her second marriage. Their contemporaries are gone the way of the world, and today no one knows this bit of family history.

The grandmother of W. H. Cochran married three times, and the children of her first marriage had the name Creighton. Uriah was her only child named Cochran, and the third set of children had the name of Walker. For a time there were letters from a half brother named Wilson Walker, and there was a half sister, Jane, but W. H. Cochran does not know whether her name was Creighton or Walker. Uriah Cochran lived away from his relatives and he never said very much about them. In fact, he had little opportunity of knowing about them. His children today would be glad of more information about them.

It was in Columbiana county that Uriah Cochran met and married Anna Faulk, October 14, 1858, and there two children, Cramer G. and William H., who repeats this bit of family information were born, and two sisters, Laura F., who died in childhood, and Orla B., were born after the family had located in Chesterfield Township, Fulton county. Anna Faulk was a daughter of Jonathan and Rebekah (Stout) Faulk. While she was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, when she was a small child her parents removed to Columbiana county, Ohio. She had two brothers, William and Daniel, and four sisters, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Catharine and Mary. None but Anna ever lived in Fulton county. Uriah Cochran died February 14, 1911, and his wife followed him to the grave April 7, 1917, and both lie buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Cramer G. Cochran was born April 12, 1860, and he married Gertrude Butler. They have one daughter, Mabel Gertrude. They live in Wauseon.

Orla B. Cochran, born April 20, 1870, is the wife of U. G. Butler. They have one daughter, Lula B. Another daughter, Florence A., deceased, was the wife of Thomas Soule. The Butlers live in Chesterfield.

William H. Cochran is the second son, born December 17, 1862, in Columbiana county. He was three years old when his parents located on "Hillside Farm" in Chesterfield—since that time the Cochran family homestead in Fulton county. Only for a short absence he has always lived on this farm, around which the family memories cluster. On December 27, 1894, Mr. Cochran married Alice Greeley, and he brought her as the home maker to Hillside Farm. Their children are: Howard A., Ruth L. and Gladys M.

Mrs. Cochran is the second in a family of five children, and she was born May 2, 1874, a native of Fulton county. She is a daughter of Lewis A. and Mary E. (Wickey) Greeley, who were married October 12, 1871. The Greeley family home is in Franklin Township, their children all being born there, although in later years they lived in Chesterfield. Their oldest child, Alvin, died in infancy, leaving Mrs. Cochran the oldest living, and the others are: Leonora V., wife of L. O. Farley, and their children are: Lewis A. and Arthur G.. Lois M. is the wife of E. C. Lane, and they have one son, E. Earl, and they buried a son, Vaughn G.; Ida M. is the wife

of J. C. Lane, their children being Roscoe B. and Marjorie B.

Lewis A. Greeley is a son of Orrin G. and Letitia (Prettyman) Greeley. His sisters were: Jane and Emily, both deceased. The father married a second time, his wife being Matilda Thomas, and there is a half-brother, T. Parker Greeley. There is a tradition that Andrew Greeley came from England in the seventeenth century, and that he was the founder of this branch of the family in America. Horace Greeley, who said: "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country," and caused such an exodus to the frontier, is of the same parent stock although not very closely related to the Fulton county Greeleys.

The Wickey family lived in Wayne county, but as a babe in her mother's arms Mrs. Greeley was brought to Fulton county. They located in German Township, and the mother, aged ninety-four years, still lives there. Mrs. Greeley is one of seven children: Cassie, Mary E., Francis H., Emma, Amanda, Victor E. and S. Ellen. Mr. and Mrs. Greeley live within one mile of Hillside Farm in Chesterfield. The three children, Howard, Ruth and Gladys, of Hillside Farm, are in the third generation of Cochrans and the fourth generation of Greeleys in Fulton county.

Howard A. Cochran is a graduate of the Fayette High School, and for four years he was a public school teacher. On August 15, 1918, he entered military training in the department of auto-mechanics in the University of Cincinnati, and on October 28 he sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, and remained "Somewhere in France" until January, when he was transferred to the River Rhine in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was thirteen months in the service. He married Lela Eldridge of Morenci, November 27, 1919. Ruth L. Cochran is a graduate of the International Business College of Fort Wayne, and she is a stenographer there. Gladys M. is a student in the Chesterfield Centralized School, it having been the ambition of Mr. and Mrs. Cochran to give to all their children the advantages of a good education.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Cochran, "my politics—why, I vote for the man," but the early vote of the family was with the democratic party. The church relationship is both Methodist and United Brethren. William Faulk, of Columbiana county, who died in the Civil war and lies buried at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Howard A. Cochran are the two members of the family having military records. General farming—not military officers, is the order of the day at Hillside Farm, where always awaits a welcome for the children who are outside its shelter—a son employed in Toledo and a daughter in Fort Wayne, and one daughter who always returns at eventide—the school girl at Chesterfield.

Amaziah Clark. In discussing family history: "Yes, we all know that Clark is an Irish name," said Amaziah Clark of Dover. However, Mr. Clark was born, April 4, 1842, in Livingston county, New York. The story handed down is that three brothers came over from Ireland, although Mr. Clark knows little in detail about them. He has met others by the name of Clark who came direct from Ireland, and yet they were not related to him. In expressing his pride in Irish ancestry, Mr. Clark exclaimed: "Just about as apt people as we have in the world are Irish," and why should the genealogist argue with him about it?

There was a time when Mr. Clark knew everybody in Dover

and many others, but today he inquires who used to own the farm when trying to get a line on new people in the community. There were four sons born to Philander and Mary (Rulison) Clark while they lived in Livingston county, New York, as follows: Edgar H., Amaziah, Leander and Lemar. After the family had removed to Lake county, Ohio, there were two daughters born: Martha and Mary. In 1857 they all came with their parents to Fulton county.

Mr. Clark, who was the second child, was a young lad at the time, and for sixty years he has lived within one mile of his present habitation. It was here that he volunteered as a soldier, in September, 1862, and from that time on he was in blue uniform until the end of the struggle, returning in 1865 to Fulton county. His brothers Edgar and Leander were also volunteers. Leander was wounded while in pursuit of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and he died at Fortress Monroe. In recent years Mr. Clark stood at his grave in a government cemetery there. "The nicest place you ever saw," is the way he describes it.

Mr. Clark and his brother Edgar lived neighbors for more than seventy years, seeing each other frequently. He still has one sister, Mrs. Mary Shaffer, of Decatur, Illinois. All the family married except the brother who died in the government service. Mr. Clark never saw his father's people except one brother, Amaziah, for whom he was named, and one sister, Mrs. Eunice (Clark) Carter, who later lived in the community.

"So far as I know the Rulisons were all born in York State," said Mr. Clark. "My mother had two sisters, Margaret and Betsey, and she had three brothers, William, Robert—and the other name, well, I never saw him. Grandfather Rulison died early and I never knew anything of him, but grandmother Rulison lived with us when we were children at home. I do not know their names at all."

On March 4, 1866, Amaziah Clark married Lydia Ann Markley, and they began housekeeping on the farm he still owns, and here six children, Edwin Elmer, Frederick Eugene, Myrtle May, Minnie Viola, Mabel Blanche, and Lula Pearl, were born to them.

Edwin E. married Ella Borton. Their children are Clarence, Alta and Ida.

Frederick E. married Hattie A. McLain. Their children are: Roscoe A., Howard O., Dale W., Virgie L., Wilbur B., and Opal I. Hazel May died in infancy, and another died at birth, no name having been given to it.

Myrtle May is the wife of James P. Long. Their children are: Effie, Wayne, Leora and Myrtle. Two died, Kenneth, and one that had not been named.

Minnie Viola married Charles Gillespie. She died within one year from her marriage.

Mabel Blanche is the wife of John H. Miller. Their children are: Clark, Vernie and Lydia.

Lula P. married Ray Pennington. Their children are Alice, Wilma and Inez.

"My wife and I belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Spring Hill," said Mr. Clark, "but some of the family are United Brethren and—well, we are scattered," and then as to politics—there is free soil, whig and republican history in the Clark family, and he cast his first vote for Lincoln. While the Clarks lived in Lake county there was an Under Ground Railroad in the commu-

nity, and there was a station. He often saw fugitives in hiding there. None of the family has ever sought or held office, but all exercise their rights of citizenship, and they always have part in the election.

The occupation of the Clark family has been agriculture, and although retired from active business Mr. Clark continues his residence at the farmstead, the son Frederick Eugene and his family living there and relieving him of all responsibility. His wife died April 4, 1900, and this son has always lived there. While Mr. Clark frequently goes for short visits among his other children, no place suits him quite as well as the old homestead in Dover.

While there has always been an Angola road by the farm, Mr. Clark helped "blaze" the way for all the other roads in the community. He never lived in the log cabin—the primitive American dwelling so common among Fulton county settlers, but he bought the lumber and built a frame house that still stands on the farm, although not kept in habitable condition. In 1897 Mr. Clark built the commodious home in which he lives today. "When I located here," said Mr. Clark, "I could no more drive a team across the country without a chopping ax along than I could drive through Lake Erie today," but all that is changed and hard surface roads enable him to reach the surrounding towns in any kind of weather. The story of Mr. Clark's life is certainly part of the history of Fulton county.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Butler. The history of the Chesterfield family of Butlers represented by Mrs. Mary Ellen (Valentine) Butler and her immediate household began in the community with the purchase of the land for more than four score years known as the Butler homestead, March 20, 1839, by Harlow Butler of Ontario county, New York. It was in territorial days when what is now known as Fulton was part of Lucas county, and since it was in the Michigan strip the purchase money was deposited in the land office at Monroe, Michigan.

Harlow and Mary (Hickok) Butler, of Ontario county, New York, felt the need of more land, and they came early to northern Ohio. They had six children born in New York: Derwin Elwell, Elvira Caroline, Corintha Sebra, Arretas Nathaniel, Harriet Jerusha and Arthur Dwight. Two of them, Elvira C. and Arthur D., died in Ontario county. After the family located in Ohio two others, Lewis Harlow and Marshall Wirt Butler, were added to the family, and Mrs. Butler, was the wife of Lewis Harlow, born June 19, 1837, on the farmstead now occupied by the family, although his father did not own it until two years later. Mr. Butler died here March 24, 1915, when he was almost seventy-eight years old, and his entire life had been spent on one spot only as he worked as a cabinet maker in Wauseon—always maintaining his home in Chesterfield. While he was in the Civil war his home continued at the old homestead, now the home of Mrs. Butler.

Nathaniel Butler, of York state, later joined the family of his oldest son, Harlow Butler, and the names of Nathaniel and Sebra Butler are now chiseled on gravestones in the Butler Cemetery, given by their son Harlow to the Chesterfield community as a burial plot, and in this God's Acre are stones marking the graves of Nathaniel, Harlow and Lewis Harlow—the first three generations of the Butler family in Chesterfield. However, there are graves in

the fourth and fifth generations—the gravestones in plain view from Mrs. Butler's window at the old family homestead. From the beginning this farmstead has remained in the name of Butler, and the cemetery will always perpetuate it.

It was Harlow Butler who planted the first fruit trees in the community—apples and peaches, and there has always been fruit, the parent stock of the peaches still perpetuated there. When his first cabin was erected in the clearing, Harlow Butler hung up some quilts to the doors until after he had planted his orchard, and in 1919 there are three trees still standing that he planted there. It was always fruit and venison on the Butler family dinner table, while most pioneer families only had the wild meats of the forest.

Lewis Harlow Butler married Mary Ellen Valentine, March 31, 1867, and he brought her as a bride to this family homestead, where she relates the family history more than half a century later. She is a daughter of the Rev. George W. and Mary Ann (Leist) Valentine. Their children are: Mary Ellen, Samantha, Elmira, Melinda, Rosetta, Susan and Solomon. Elmira, Melinda and Rosetta all died of diphtheria, Melinda and Rosetta being buried in the same grave. At the time the Valentine family had never heard the words diphtheria or quarantine, and the disease was called putrid sore throat. Beside Mrs. Butler there is one sister, Mrs. Susan Clark of Wauseon, and the brother, Rev. Solomon L. Valentine of the Liberal United Brethren Church, living today.

The childhood home of the Valentine family was on Turkey Foot Creek in Henry county, and the burial plot is at Liberty Chapel there. The grandparents, David and Elizabeth Leist, were early settlers, locating their children around them in the Leist family community, but none of the older ones are living there today—illustrating the truth that the "places that know us now shall soon know us no more forever," a condition that has come true in so many communities.

The immediate posterity of Lewis H. and Mary E. Butler is as follows: Rosella Gertrude, wife of Cramer G. Cochran of Wauseon, has one daughter, Mabel Gertrude.

Herbert, deceased, married Matie Terry. Their children are: Ellis Bryan, who died at three months; Ruth Belle, who died in young womanhood; and Marshall Herbert. He was a volunteer soldier in the war of the nations, and because of his musical ability he was a bugler in different training camps, and he was "Over There" several months. He is a violinist and frequently plays in orchestras.

Clement Lewis Butler married Harriet Snow, and they live in Denver. Their children are: Helen Alta, Theodore Roosevelt and Constance. Mr. Butler graduated in music and is teaching in Denver. He is a member of the Denver Rifle Team and was fitting himself for a military instructor when the Armistice ended the World war. He has won a number of medals in marksmanship contests, the use of firearms being second nature with him. While his father always went to the woods with a gun, he goes to the gun club shoots, and is frequently winner of first honors. His inclination to sports keeps him in excellent physical condition, health the best investment.

Mary Blanche, wife of James P. Punches, has always lived at the Butler family homestead with her mother. Their children are:

Clement Alexander, Edson Lewis, Mary Ethel Viola, Velma Golda, Ruby and James Pirl, Jr. Clement and Ruby died in infancy.

Ethel Elvira died in young womanhood. She graduated from the Wauseon High School and was a teacher. The Butler children were all given common school advantages, and all had musical ability, their father having been a gifted musician for his opportunity.

The vote of the Butler household was with the republican party until the advent of the prohibition party, when L. H. Butler mounted the "water wagon," and from the founding of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union in Cleveland in 1874 Mrs. Butler has been identified with the Fulton county branch of the organization. She has served as president of the Fulton County Union, and still maintains her membership at Oak Shade. For twenty-five years she has been president of the Oak Shade Union, and it has had its part in making Ohio dry, and in creating sentiment for Sabbath observance in the community.

Mrs. Butler was active in promoting the organization of Oak Shade Methodist Episcopal Church, and there are few sessions when she is not in her place at Sunday school. She has been both superintendent and teacher, and her home has always been open to the itinerant minister. The family church membership had been at Spring Hill until the organization of the Oak Shade class. The meetings migrated from the town hall to the school house, and in 1916, the Oak Shade church edifice was open to the community.

While there is Revolutionary ancestry in the history of the Valentine family, there is no record extant of the Butler family that long ago. Lewis Harlow Butler and an older brother, A. N., and a younger brother, M. W., all served as privates in the Civil war. A. L. Butler was a drummer and gave an impetus to the "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," of the northern soldiers and a similar service was rendered later by Marshall H. Butler in the war of the nations. G. W. Valentine and other relatives were Civil war soldiers.

Few pioneer families have given more to the community than has been given by the Butlers. They knew the hardships of the pioneer and the later generations have enjoyed the blessings of civilization. There are few families who round out four score years on the same "four corners," but such has been the Butler family history.

Daniel Brown. It is a rare thing for a man to live sixty years in one community and never appear as a witness in court, but such is the record of Daniel Brown of Dover. While he never brought suit in court, he did one time confess judgment on a security debt and he paid it. While in that time he has suffered other losses, he has been clear of litigation and the expense of court proceedings. Arbitration has served his purpose in everything. While Mr. Brown has served as juror, he has studiously avoided complications that entail lawsuit difficulties.

Mr. Brown was born September 4, 1843, in Chemung county, New York. His father, Abram Westbrook Brown, and his grandfather, Isaac Brown, three generations in the family, were residents of that community. Back of that the family is English—the age old story of three brothers who came to America and were separated from each other. Isaac Brown married Hannah Clark. Their children were: Abraham W., Daniel, Nathaniel, Harris, Aaron,

William, Patty, Phoebe and Mary Ann. It had been so many years since there was any one with whom he could talk that Mr. Brown was unable to name the contemporaries of Isaac and Hannah Brown.

It was in Chemung county, New York, that A. W. Brown married Morelda Brees. She was a daughter of Hosea Brees and was a young woman of the same community. Her sisters were Matilda, Rachel, Mary and Betsey, and her brothers, Arad and Moses. The children born to A. W. and Morelda Brown were: Mary A., Hosea, Isaac, Rachel L., Daniel, John, Frank P. and Judson. All were born in New York and all but the two older ones came with their parents to Lenawee county, Michigan, in 1855—good weather conditions when they came by rail to Adrian, but they encountered a great deal of snow that first winter in Michigan. In March, 1860, the family removed to Fulton county, Ohio, and the Ottokee Cemetery became the last resting place of the father and mother. Today only one sister, Rachel L. Handy, and Mr. Brown are residents of Fulton county. Frank and Judson Brown live in Michigan.

Daniel Brown married Lucilia Thompson, March 17, 1866, in Morenci, Michigan. She was a young woman who came from Chemung county, New York, to Fulton county as a teacher in the school at Ottokee. She was a daughter of Isaac V. and Ardia Thompson. She was the only one of her family who came to Ohio. Her brothers and sisters were: Elijah, Alonzo, John, Nathan, Mary, Ardia, Melissa, and Elizabeth. Four children were born to Daniel and Lucilia Brown: Ardia M., Mabel, Gertrude and Thompson. Ardia M. is the wife of W. S. Todd. Mabel is the wife of F. A. Knickerbocker, and their children are: Iona, Blanche, Wilma and Elsie. Gertrude became the wife of Wilker First, but is deceased and he is buried in Novell, Michigan. Their son, Thompson, is also deceased and is buried in Ottokee Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Todd live in Dover and and Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker live at Leslie, Michigan. Iona Knickerbocker is the wife of B. O'Neal. Their children are Owen and Beth-Dale. Blanche is the wife of Frank Holmes.

"Mixed up," describes the political outlook, although Mr. Brown usually votes the republican ticket. As to church: "Well, my parents were Methodists," said Mr. Brown. While there is Revolutionary blood in the family ancestry, the lineage has never been traced, but Mr. Brown and three brothers, Hosea, Isaac and John, enlisted in the Civil war. In a short time Isaac went to the relief of Hosea, whose health was broken, and he died in a hospital at Newark, New Jersey. John died in a hospital in Covington, Kentucky, but Daniel was at the front and in actual service 2½ years. He was discharged from the Sixty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry after one year on account of physical disability, but in March, 1864, he re-enlisted in the Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry, and served until the end of the war. Soon after his return from the service he was a visitor among old friends in Chemung county, New York, and there he met Lucilia Thompson.

A short time later Lucilia Thompson came to Ohio as a school teacher at Ottokee, and she remained as the homemaker in the newly established family of Daniel Brown. She died March 23, 1893, and since that time Mr. Brown has traveled and divided his time between relatives in Michigan and Ohio. He has always maintained his place of residence at the family homestead in Dover. He is a member of Losier Grand Army of the Republic Post in

Wauseon, there being about forty Civil war soldiers in the community. While Mr. Brown has always been a farmer, the farm in Dover is rented and he is free to come and go at pleasure. The place was in the wild when he bought it, and he has lived there to witness the transformation. There were no roads and no drainage, but there is a different story to relate in Fulton county today.

Elizer Bidwell Beatty. At Old Homestead Farm in Chesterfield, A. D. 1919, there are three generations sheltered together, Elizer Bidwell Beatty looking backward at his father, Sidney S. Beatty, and forward at a son and daughter, David S. and Elizabeth. Old Homestead has been the Beatty habitation since 1858, it being the first land acquired by S. S. Beatty in Fulton county.

It was October 20, 1845, that Sidney S. Beatty landed in Chesterfield, coming direct from Sussex county, New Jersey. His father, Holloway H. and his mother, Elizabeth (Jefferson) Beatty, and their eight children constitutes the immigrant family from New Jersey to Ohio. They went by wagon to New York City, and from thence by steamboat up the Hudson to Troy, New York. From Troy they went to Buffalo via the Erie Canal, and from Buffalo to Toledo across Lake Erie by steamboat. In Toledo they hired a team for the remainder of the journey, and since he was a boy ten years old S. S. Beatty has lived within a few miles of the original homestead of the family in Chesterfield. For a short time he lived in Morenci—barring that, always in Chesterfield.

The children in this immigrant family were Nancy, Margaret, Sidney S., Julia, Mahala, Whitfield, Samuel and Jane, and those born in Ohio were Elizabeth and George. The pioneer Beatty family certainly understood all about wilderness conditions in Fulton county. Today only Mr. Beatty and one sister, Mrs. Julia Gates of Morenci, remain to tell the story. The Beatty family burial plot is in the Roos Cemetery in the immediate community—East Chesterfield.

It is another case of some brothers who ventured into the New World in search of their fortunes, and in the Beatty family, Thomas, father of H. H. and grandfather of S. S. Beatty, was one of three brothers who came over from Scotland in 1812—the second war with England, being British subjects engaged in warfare against the United States, but as time went by they deserted the British Army and became citizens of the country they were fighting against —transferred their allegiance to another country.

After the smoke of battle cleared away Thomas Beatty located in New Jersey—the head of the family now living in Chesterfield, and at Cleveland and Columbus there are branches of the Beatty family who are descended from the two brothers, Daniel and Samuel Beatty. The manufacturers of the Beatty organ are known to have the same lineage as the family in Chesterfield. Such was the beginning of the Beatty family history in the Western Hemisphere —the New World. It is understood that Admiral David Beatty of Scotland, who commanded an English fleet in the recent war of the nations, is from the same parent stock—the Beatty family tree having its beginning in Scotland.

On November 22, 1859, Sidney S. Beatty married Elizabeth Welch. She was a daughter of James and Amy (Clark) Welch, and was an Ohio woman. There was a sister, Mary Jane, and two brothers, Elizer and Chester, and one child who died early, Perry.

Elizer Welch and Mrs. Mary Jane Briggs are still living in the community. Mr. Beatty and his wife established their home where he lives today, although for a number of years they had lived in Morenci. After the death of Mrs. Beatty, April 28, 1905, he returned to the old home in Chesterfield.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Beatty: The first born, Albert, died before the birth of the others. Clarence C. married Viola Lester. He lives in Freedom Center, Michigan, where he conducts a general store. His children are: Dawn, wife of William Kass, and they have one son, Gaylord, Margaret, wife of Clarence Deittle, and the others are Carrie and Whitfield, the latter having been "Over There," in the World war. He spent three years in training camps and service, and was "Somewhere in France," and later in the Army of Occupation in Germany.

September 30, 1866, was a momentous day—two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beatty. Elias C. and Elizer B. Beatty were born the same day, and they have never been long separated from each other. To their friends they are "Chuck" and "Pune" Beatty—names that have always attached to them because of their physical characteristics. Indeed, they were old enough for school before other names were given them, and today they seldom hear anything but Chuck and Pune. Chuck was always lusty while Pune was puny—a delicate child, although in manhood one is as robust as the other—different physiques, but both are strong men. At one time when the father tipped the scales at 220 pounds, Chuck weighed 219 and Pune was just one pound lighter, although he is 2½ inches taller than his brother. The older brother, C. C. Beatty, stands six feet and five inches high, although his weight has always been under 200 pounds. The Beattys have always been portly men and women.

Elias C. Beatty married Melinda Jane Ferguson. Their children are: Lira, wife of John Maitland and they have two children, Virginia and Hilda; Lena, wife of Cleve Garsuch, and they have one child, Ellsworth; Sidney S., who married Mary Lamb, and they have one daughter, Adonna Belle; and Letha is the youngest daughter.

Elizer B. Beatty, who enrolls the family in the History of Fulton County, married Frances Grace Taylor January 22, 1905, and beside David S. and Mary Elizabeth, already mentioned, there was another child, Elias C., who died at two years of age. Mrs. Beatty is an only daughter of George and Laura (Shaffer) Taylor, and she was reared in the family of her grandparents, David and Elizabeth (Hochstetter) Shaffer, in Delta. The Shaffers were pioneers in Fulton county. It was in territorial days that they came, and there is a "mixed multitude" in the blood lines of the ancestral families. They are all blended, and today there is an American citizenship of the first order in the Fulton county branch Beatty-Welch-Taylor relationship. In all its past history these families have lived in Fulton county.

"There's nothing in politics," said Pune Beatty, and yet the family is slated democratic. While he lived in Michigan a few years, he served as deputy sheriff in Lenawee county. Mr. Beatty is a member of the Chesterfield Centralized School Board, and he has the different medals showing his activities in the war loans. He was in every Liberty Loan drive, and Mrs. Beatty is secretary of the Oak Shade branch of the American Red Cross Society.

The Beatty family church relation is with East Chesterfield Christian Church, and both E. C. and E. B. Beatty are members of Royalton Union Lodge No. 434, Free and Accepted Masons, although E. B. Beatty's original membership was in Morenci. The family belongs to Chesterfield Grange, and they all attend the meetings.

The family military history began with the coming of Thomas, Daniel and Samuel Beatty as British soldiers in the second war with England, but they became American citizens instead of British subjects. The Mexican war claimed Amos and James Beatty, who were cousins to S. S. Beatty. In the Civil war his brother, Whitfield H. Beatty, represented the family, and in the World war was William Whitfield Beatty. The Beatty family name stands for loyalty to home and country.

When S. S. Beatty was a young boy he trapped wild animals and sold the furs in Adrian, Michigan. One night he surprised his mother by bringing home the first cook stove. He had seen her cook before the hearth fire always. Many of the settlers came to see the stove, and in a short time others had them. They made their own maple sugar, and Mr. Beatty relates that "Old Uncle Johnny Roos" would say it was time to dig out the sugar troughs, make the spiles and tap the trees, and when he was supplied the Beatty family next used the camp, and then the privilege was extended to others. That was in "the good old days" of Lucas and Fulton county pioneer history.

While S. S. Beatty remembers Thomas Beatty "who used to talk Scotch to us," he can only name very few of his contemporaries. They are almost all gone the way of the world. He was the only Beatty present at the 1919 Old Settlers Reunion at the Fulton county fair, while there were eight members of the contemporary Shadle family present. The Beattys came in October and the Shadles in November, 1845, but longevity was greater in the Shadle household.

S. S. Beatty was a farmer and later a cheesemaker in his days of activity, and agriculture claims the attention of Chuck and Pune today. For a time E. B. Beatty owned and operated barber shops in Morenci and Delta, and he was a journeyman barber for a number of years. Since 1908 he has lived at Old Homestead in Chesterfield. The children attend Chesterfield Centralized School, and the family is identified with all of the community interests.

Edward J. Ham. While the ancestral family name of Ham—the line through which Edward J. Ham of Chesterfield is descended, dates back to Holland, it is known that John C. Ham, who planted the family tree on American soil, was born March 1, 1812, at Wadebridge, Cornwall county, England. Relatives of the American branch of the family still live there, although little is known of them.

John C. Ham crossed the Atlantic in young manhood, coming to America by a sailing vessel and living along the Atlantic seaboard until he was twice married, there being one son, William H. Ham of Raymond, Ohio, born of his first marriage. There is no record available of the name of the woman. In 1842 John C. Ham married Mary Keyes, of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, although she was a Connecticut woman. When she was twelve years old she

went by wagon with her father and his family to Pennsylvania, a distance of 200 miles in eleven days.

The children born of the second marriage of John C. Ham are: Henry H., Thomas F., Lucius K., Libbie, Charles B. and Alice, all of whom with the half brother, William H., reached adult years. Those dying in childhood were: Ida, John, Edwin and Sarah. Henry H. and Thomas F. Ham, who are attorneys at law, were the first to locate in Fulton county, and in 1871 Lucius K. Ham, father of Edward J. Ham, who enrolls the family history, located in Wauseon. He had married Ella Delphene Hewitt in Slatersville, Tompkins county, New York, and their bridal journey was the new home in Ohio.

Ella Delphene Hewitt was a daughter of the Rev. Jasper W. and Clarissa J. (Wright) Hewitt. Her father was a Methodist minister. She was one of seven: Louis E., Sarah J., Martha L., Edmond J., Ella D., Mary L. and J. Talcott. Only one, Martha L. Bushnell, survives, and she lives in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Of the Ham family six are living and half of them live in Fulton county. Mrs. Ella D. Ham died November 28, 1913, while the family lived on a farm near Wauseon.

The children born to Lucius K. and Ella D. Ham are: Louis H., who married Mina Denson, and their children are Iva Lou, the wife of Harold Ingall, Clair E., Fred and Vera. Nellie M., who lives with her father in Wauseon, has one daughter, Della Clark, the wife of Albert Seiler. Bertha L. is the wife of Clyde Randall.

On July 25, 1901, Edward J. Ham married Helen Louise Hibbard. Their children are: Donald Edward, Helen Louise, Kenneth Hewitt, Alice Lenore, Ida Mary and Charles Lucius. All are in attendance at the Chesterfield Centralized School, and they range from the first to the tenth grades—all riding by private conveyance a distance of four miles, although other children use the township wagons. In this way they have more time at home of mornings and evenings.

Mrs. Ham is one of five children born to Charles A. and Mary Jane (Riddle) Hibbard. The Hibbard family story is elsewhere given, but the Hibbard-Riddle marriage, July 11, 1868, introduces the Riddle family story. C. A. Hibbard died February 6, 1914, and Mrs. Hibbard is a resident of Spring Hill. Her son Lowell E., married Margaret Watkins, and they have three children, Lloyd, Candace and Gladys. They buried one, Arvah. Maud L. Hibbard lives with her mother. Helen Louise Ham is the third child. Clark D. Hibbard married Blanche Miley. Their children are Irving, Geneva, Irene and Vivian. James R. Hibbard married Elizabeth Kaennfer. Lowell E. Hibbard died in March, 1917, but the others all live in Fulton county. Their mother is a daughter of James S. and Matilda (Siddons) Riddle. She was the third and is now the last of the family. She had one sister, Louisa, and four brothers: John Quimby, Clark, Thomas Harrison and James Irving.

The Riddle family home was in Franklin Township. They came in an early day from Holmes county. The occupation of the family had been agriculture until the four brothers of Mrs. Hibbard changed the order in the Riddle family, all of them being engaged in commercial pursuits. When James S. Riddle first located in Fulton county he always went to Maumee to mill, the trip requiring two days absence and a great deal of exposure and difficulty.

The Ham family history began in Fulton county about the time the seat of government was removed from Ottokee to Wauseon. While the family relationship has representation in all the learned professions, the youngsters growing up about Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Ham belong to the countryside, and near to the soil is the best place in all of the world. Mr. Ham was a teacher and pursued the course of study in the Metropolitan Business College of Toledo. For a few years he was engaged in the hardware trade and a short time in the sale of drugs, but farming finally claimed his attention. Although a tenant, since March 1, 1916, he has lived at the G. Scott Roos homestead in Chesterfield, where he combines farming and dairying, having an excellent herd of Holsteins.

"Politics! Local? Well, not exactly hide bound, but as a general thing republican," said Mr. Ham. The church relation is with East Chesterfield Christian Church, where both Mr. and Mrs. Ham are teachers in Sunday School and where he is chorister and the daughter Louise is pianist. He is a member of Morenci Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, and the family is connected with Chesterfield Grange.

There were Civil war soldiers in both the Ham and Hewitt families, but that was before they lived in Fulton county. Charles A. Hibbard was a soldier in Company I, Sixty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his grandson, Lloyd Hibbard, was an instructor in sharp shooting in the training camp at Paris Island. There is Revolutionary blood in several different channels, and Mr. Ham had his part in the necessary increased crop production required by the Council of Defense in time of the war of the nations.

Treasured as an heirloom by Mr. Ham is an old chest that his grandfather, John C. Ham, made from a wardrobe carried by the Keyes family from Connecticut to Pennsylvania. In it are hand made tools he frequently uses, and the metal in the blades is the kind that holds an edge. A friend of the family remarked: "They're tenants—yes, but there are more newspapers and well chosen magazines in the house than are seen in most rural households," among them the Youths' Companion, which had been read by the parents when they were youngsters.

Archer Alstine Bradley. While the name Bradley is English, only a few generations ago the branch of the family from which Archer A. Bradley of Maplehurst in Chesterfield is descended came from West Chester county, New York, to Lenawee county, Michigan, and later to Ohio. John Wesley Bradley was born March 2, 1818, in the State of New York, and in 1851 he made his pilgrimage westward, remaining in Michigan only long enough for his land to be submerged, when he sought a higher level in Ohio. When he discovered the Lenawee county farm under water he sought another investment in Fulton county.

Archer A. Bradley, of Maplehurst, was born July 23, 1854, on a farm in Chesterfield, a short distance from his present home, and when he was four years old his parents located where he lives today. Except for temporary absence in the west, Mr. Bradley's entire life has been spent in Fulton county. It was June 14, 1843, that John W. Bradley married Amanda Jane Caldwell on Long Island, and they lived for a time at Sheepshead Bay, where he was a "deep water sailor." The Caldwells were fishermen there when

he met the daughter. She was born in Pennsylvania, but as a child she went with her parents to the seaside, where they made their livelihood with fishing boats.

The first child in the Bradley family was named Cornelius, but at the age of six months it died and the same name was later given to another child. Emery Anderson was the second son, and the third was Cornelius Tompkins. There was a daughter called Rachel Frances, and when she was a babe the parents left Long Island and were located in Ohio before the birth of Archer Alstine Bradley. C. T. Bradley of Oklahoma and A. A. Bradley are the remnant today. The parents attained to a ripe old age in Chesterfield, the mother dying in 1902, and the father one year later. The Roos Cemetery is the burial ground of the Bradleys.

On December 2, 1876, A. A. Bradley married Martha Ellen Welles. She is a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Jane (Whitaker) Welles. Their children are: George, Thomas Jefferson, Nancy Catharine, Martha Ellen (Mrs. Bradley), Simeon Peter, Nellie, Alfred Eugene, twins, Della May and Addie May, and William. Two sisters, Nancy C. and Nellie, are gone from earth and the rest are widely scattered, only Mrs. Bradley a resident of Fulton county today. The Welles family came from Fostoria county, and later they removed to Michigan.

Horace Greeley's famous injunction: "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country," influenced Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, and August 14, 1877, they began the overland journey in a covered wagon. Eleven weeks later they reached Hobart, Kansas, where they located a claim of ¼ section, and they constructed a dugout and a stone granary on it. Both were good rifle shots and they frequently had prairie chicken on their humble bill of fare—not so humble, when they enjoyed it.

Mr. Bradley soon made the acquaintance of Dr. George Sowers, who had a stock ranch on the Kansas plains, and under his training he obtained his first knowledge of veterinary surgery and medicine. From this practical frontier experience he mastered the science and today he responds to many calls in Fulton county. The stories Mr. and Mrs. Bradley tell of the life along the trail would fill an entire volume, but just one will serve to illustrate the difficulties under which housekeeping and cookery was performed in transit, the vehicle a covered wagon. When Mrs. Bradley began frying a buffalo steak by a stump, a heavy rain set in and she boiled it. There were twenty-one wagons in the train, and a fellow traveler from Fayette, Upton McDaniels, kept a diary along the way. The Bradleys have always wished he might publish it.

After 2½ years of "roughing it," Mr. and Mrs. Bradley boarded a train at Bull City, thinking the blue sky hanging over Chesterfield suited them better, and Maplehurst an ideal place for any man and woman to end their days. Nineteen years after their wedding day a son was born—October 13, 1895—Roscoe O. Bradley. Maplehurst has always been his home, and December 23, 1916, he married Ethel Elizabeth Heller. She is the oldest in a family of four children born to William Franklin and Alta Amelia (Ritter) Heller. She has a sister, Myrtle May Belle, and two brothers, Floyd Franklin and Harold Cecil. The Hellers have lived in different parts of Ohio. Mrs. Bradley was born in Williams and married in Wood county. She is at once "Dutch, Scotch and Irish." They have a daughter, Evelyn Irene.

GEORGE PHILIP ZINK, who during the last ten years has been one of the leading residents and business men of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, is the manager of large milling interests in that place, and has entered actively into the public administration. He has been councilman since 1918, and has given much of his time to church work.

He was born in Tonawanda City, Erie county, New York, in October, 1872, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Graff) Zink. The Zink family is Bavarian in origin, but has been in the United States for four generations. The paternal grandparents of George P. were John and Mary (Klingelschmit) Zink, who in 1837 settled at Pendleton Centre, Erie county, New York, having acquired a farming property in that place. The maternal grandparents of George P. Zink were Jacob and Mary (Wagner) Graff, whose early experiences in America constitute a somewhat interesting record. It appears that in the early '30s of the last century they were the occupiers of a farm in New York state, their farm later becoming the site of the City of Niagara Falls. Jacob Graff and his family lived on that farm for nineteen years, renting it year by year. At the end of that period the property was offered to him for $200 an acre, which he thought prohibitive, and therefore soon afterward moved to Pendleton Centre, Erie county, New York, where the Graff and Zink families became neighbors. There the next generation of both families were reared, and led eventually to the marriage of Andrew Zink and Elizabeth Graff, parents of George Philip Zink of this Fulton county record. Andrew Zink followed the occupation of his father, farming, and in 1875 moved to Monroe county, Michigan, with his wife, taking up a good agricultural property in that county. For twenty-five years Andrew Zink was an active and successful farmer in Monroe county, Michigan, in 1900 retiring from farming and moving into the City of Monroe, where his wife died in 1904 and he in 1913.

Their son George Philip received the whole of his education in the public schools of Michigan, he being only two years old when his parents removed to Monroe county of that state from New York. After leaving school he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until they moved into the City of Monroe in 1900, when he became connected with G. R. Hurd, a grain merchant of that place. For two years he was associated with Mr. Hurd, and for eight years thereafter was connected with the Amendt Milling Company of Monroe. In 1910 he came to Delta, Fulton county, to take over the management of their large mill, of which he has ever since been general manager, expanding the business of the company and gaining a good reputation for business and moral integrity during his decade of association in business and residential life with the people of that section of Fulton county.

Politically he is a democrat, and as such was elected councilman in 1918. He has shown a worthy interest in the affairs of the community, and has been especially active in church work. A consistent Christian, Mr. Zink is of the German Lutheran faith, and is an earnest and helpful supporter of the local church of that denomination. He has held almost all of the lay offices of the church, which is a commendable record.

On June 15, 1899, he married in Monroe, Michigan, Barbara C. Lochner, a native of that place, and daughter of Frederick and Caro-

line Lochner, who were born in Bavaria, Germany, but had spent the greater part of their lives in the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. Zink have been born three children, Alfred, Carol and June, all of whom are still at home with their parents.

Albert Pfaff, of Fulton Township, was born September 16, 1854, in Pennsylvania. He is a son of Frederick and Amelia (Irwin) Pfaff, who came from Germany. They located in Pennsylvania, but in 1863 they moved to Lucas county. They lived four years near Whitehouse and then moved to Fulton Township, where they bought a timber tract with log buildings and only fifteen acres cleared land on it. He was improving the place, and died there in 1874, while she lived until 1905, in Fulton county.

The children in the Pfaff family are: Frederick, of Delta; Amelia, widow of G. W. Fashbaugh, of Metamora; Anna, deceased, was the wife of David Barbee; Albert, who enrolls the family history; John, of Swan Creek; William, deceased; George, of Swan Creek; Louis, of Fulton; Mary, wife of Wilson D. Lett, Marion, Indiana; and Rosa, deceased. Albert Pfaff remained at home until 1880, when he went to Toledo and found employment in a wholesale and retail paint and oil store.

In March, 1881, Mr. Pfaff married Ida Burnham, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Burnham. When he returned to Fulton Township he rented land for eight years, then bought sixteen acres of the Burnham farm and eight years later he bought his father's place of seventy-two acres, and thirty-two acres of the Burnham place later, which gives him a valuable farmstead. He has remodeled and built new buildings until he has excellent improvements on it.

The Pfaff children of this generation are: Claud, of Swan Creek, and Roy, of Fulton Township. Mrs. Pfaff died in 1888, and in 1889 Albert Pfaff married Alice Lake, of Fulton county. She is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Shafer) Lake. Their children are: Lawrence, Lloyd and Howard, deceased, and Homer. In all there are three sons living, Claud, Roy and Homer. The family are Methodists. Mr. Pfaff is a democrat, and he has served the community as road superintendent.

While Mr. Pfaff spent some of his boyhood years in a log home, and had other experiences connecting him with the pioneer era of Fulton county, he has succeeded in giving his own family a higher level of comforts and conveniences than the previous generation enjoyed, and at the cost of many years of effort has achieved a fine measure of success and has served his community well and deserves well of it.

Isaac L. Coy, M. D., a well-regarded and successful physician and surgeon of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, studied medicine at the Baltimore Medical College, Maryland, and at the Cincinnati, Ohio, College of Medicine and Surgery, graduating from the latter in 1896, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He thus had good credentials with which to enter into practice. But he has supplemented his college experience and wide private practice by taking a post-graduate course in obstetrics under Professor Stark at the Cincinnati College of Physicians and Surgeons; and although his extensive practice is a general one, Doctor Coy has had especial success latterly in obstetrical cases, in which branch of medical science he may be said now to specialize.

For a professional man his career has been somewhat remarkable. In his early manhood he was a carpenter and millwright, and did not graduate in medicine until he was over thirty-five years old; and although he has been in practice in Archbold for twenty-two years, that period is in reality about one-third of his life. He was born in Evansport, Defiance county, Ohio, in 1859, the son of Jacob and Mary A. (Shank) Coy, and comes of one of the pioneer families of that section of Ohio. The Coy family is of Scottish origin, but the maternal lineage is German, or rather Pennsylvania-Dutch, the Shank family being of early Pennsylvania record. At least three generations of the Coy family has had residence in Ohio. Jacob Coy, father of Dr. Isaac L., was born in Dayton, Ohio. In his adventurous youth and early manhood he traded with the Indians of the frontier, and did much pioneering work. He settled at Ridgeville, Ohio, and the greater part of his life was spent in farming occupations, or at all events in the clearing of land preparatory to tillage. But it seems that he was also to some extent a building contractor. He built the first church at Evansport, Defiance county, Ohio, and also the first store at that place; and in that place he lived for the greater part of his life. Most of the children of Jacob and Mary (Shank) Coy were born in Evansport, including Dr. Isaac L. He spent his boyhood in an agricultural environment, attended the country school nearest to the farm of his parents, and, following the custom in most farming families of the state, he did much work on the home farm during the long summer vacations. After passing through the district school he was for a while a student at the Stryker High School, Williams county, but did not graduate. After leaving school he appears to have had no thought of entering a profession. He apprenticed himself to a carpenter and millwright, and for ten years followed that trade at Bryan, Williams county, Ohio. And while following that trade he helped to build the second grist mill to be erected at Evansport. Then came the change. His brother M. C. was already in the medical profession, and at that time in good practice at Evansport, their native place. And Isaac L. ultimately resolved if possible to qualify in medicine. With that object he took up the reading of medicine under the guidance of his brother, and in due course entered medical college, being successful in matriculating at the Baltimore Medical College, Maryland. After spending one term at that college, however, he transferred his studentship to the Cincinnati, Ohio, College of Medicine and Surgery. From that well-known medical college he eventually creditably graduated, being of the class of 1896, and with his graduation gaining the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter for about one year he was in professional practice in association with his brother in Stryker, Williams county, Ohio, but in 1898 he came to Archbold, and has ever since practiced in that section of Fulton county. During the years from that to the present Doctor Coy has gained for himself an enviable professional record, and none the less enviable is the personal record he has as a public-spirited citizen of commendable life. He has devoted himself to his profession, appears to be an omnivorous student, and has undertaken much research in some branches of medical science. Particularly, has he devoted himself to obstetrical research; and in his practice Doctor Coy has shown evidence of the extent of his research in this branch of medicine. As an obstetrical surgeon Doctor Coy has latterly gained much credit. He took a post-graduate course

in obstetrics under Professor Stark at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Cincinnati, Ohio, and has closely followed all developments reported, and also those arising from his own practice. He is well-regarded in state and county medical circles, belongs to the state and county medical societies, and also to some of national scope; and generally he has had noteworthy success in his professional career.

Religiously he is a Methodist, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Archbold, and a good supporter of that body. Fraternally he is a Mason, member of a West Unity lodge, and an Odd Fellow, a member of an Archbold lodge. He does not concern himself much with politics. As a matter of fact, his professional ties keep him closely to professional work for the greater part of each day.

In 1901, at Evansport, Ohio, Doctor Coy married Jennie, daughter of John and Elizabeth (McCauley) Spangle, of that place. They have one child, a daughter, Isabelle.

Since she has lived in Archbold Mrs. Coy has entered much into church and social movements in the community, and has very many friends in the district. During the war both she and her husband worked indefatigably in the national cause, aiding in much of the home work of national bearing, and entering loyally into the various local movements formulated to secure the proper prosecution of local drives in connection with the Liberty Loan and other governmental issues necessary to meet the purposes of the government in the war. And Mrs. Coy has been a worthy church worker.

W. B. Harris. The banks of any community are the conservitors of the financial interests of the people, and the men connected with their operation are naturally important factors in their localities. One of the men who is accepted as one of the sound financiers of Fulton county is W. B. Harris, cashier of the First National Bank of Wauseon.

W. B. Harris was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1890, a son of William B. and Laura (Woodruff) Harris. The great-great-great-grandfather of W. B. Harris came from England to the American colonies and settled in New Jersey, and four of his sons served under General Washington during the American Revolution. One of these sons was with the Colonial Army at Valley Forge. In the period of expansion subsequent to the Revolutionary war representatives of the family migrated into Ohio and secured land in the central portion of the state, developing into prosperous agriculturists. Both the grandfather and father of W. B. Harris were born in Licking county, Ohio.

William B. Harris was a school-teacher and became superintendent of the Sylvania High School, but later went into the banking business, organizing the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of which he was cashier until 1907, when he became cashier of the Sylvania Savings Bank, and continued in that position until the time of his death in 1915. His widow survives him and makes her home with her son. She and her husband had a daughter, these two children constituting their family.

Before he completed his school-days W. B. Harris helped his father in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and after the death of his father he went to Toledo, Ohio, and was in the Second National

Bank of that city for a short time. In 1910 Mr. Harris came to Wauseon as bookkeeper for the First National Bank, and after three years was made assistant cashier. Three years later he was made cashier, and still holds that eminently responsible position. He is also a stockholder in the bank, and is on its board of directors, and he is a director of the Pettisville Savings Bank and the Ridgeville Savings Bank at Ridgeville Corners. Mr. Harris has also a quarter interest in the Blue Creek Stock Farm of 320 acres and is secretary and treasurer of the Arcola Building Company.

During the late war Mr. Harris took a conspicuous part in the various drives, being chairman of the Fifth Liberty Loan Campaign of his neighborhood, and more than raised the quota, and he was secretary of the War Savings Stamp Campaign. He is unmarried. A Mason, Mr. Harris belongs to Wauseon Lodge No. 349, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Knight Templar. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. The Congregational Church holds his membership. Mr. Harris makes his home at Wauseon, his mother and sister living with him, the latter being a public school teacher. She was prepared for her career in Oberlin University, from which she was graduated. A young man of spirit, Mr. Harris has taken a constructive part in the public affairs of Wauseon since coming to the county seat, and can be depended upon to give an active support to those measures he believes will work out for the further betterment of existing conditions here. Few men of his age have accomplished as much as he, and his fellow citizens are proud of his record.

C. P. Weber. No knowledge is wasted. Each effort in the direction of mental expansion brings its own reward, and therefore it has been found that the men who have carefully trained their minds for scholastic duties are the ones who develop into the most efficient public officials. One of these former educators who has made a remarkably good record as county surveyor is C. P. Weber of Wauseon. Under his capable and businesslike administration the roads of Fulton county have been so improved as to attract attention from all over the state, and his efficiency is praised by all who understand the difficulties with which he contended.

C. P. Weber was born south of Pettisville, Ohio, in October, 1883, a son of John and Margaret Weber, of German and French descent whose families have been located in this country for many years. After securing a public school education C. P. Weber attended the Pettisville High School, from which he was graduated, and later the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, and was graduated from the latter institution in the scientific course in 1906, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For four years Mr. Weber was engaged in teaching in the rural schools of Fulton county, rising to be superintendent of schools at Ridgeville Corners in Fulton county, and then he was superintendent of the Fulton Township Certified Schools for three years more, and he continued in the educational field until he was elected county surveyor in 1916, and after serving for a term was the candidate of his party to succeed himself, but was defeated, but was re-elected in 1918. He has always been an advocate of good roads, realizing the benefit of them not only to the immediate communities through which they pass but the state and country. He now has $500,000 worth of road im-

provement contracts, and through his efforts the state has contributed over $120,000 through a bond issue to be used on the roads in Fulton county. In addition to the responsibilities of his office Mr. Weber is interested in a general real estate and insurance business at Wauseon.

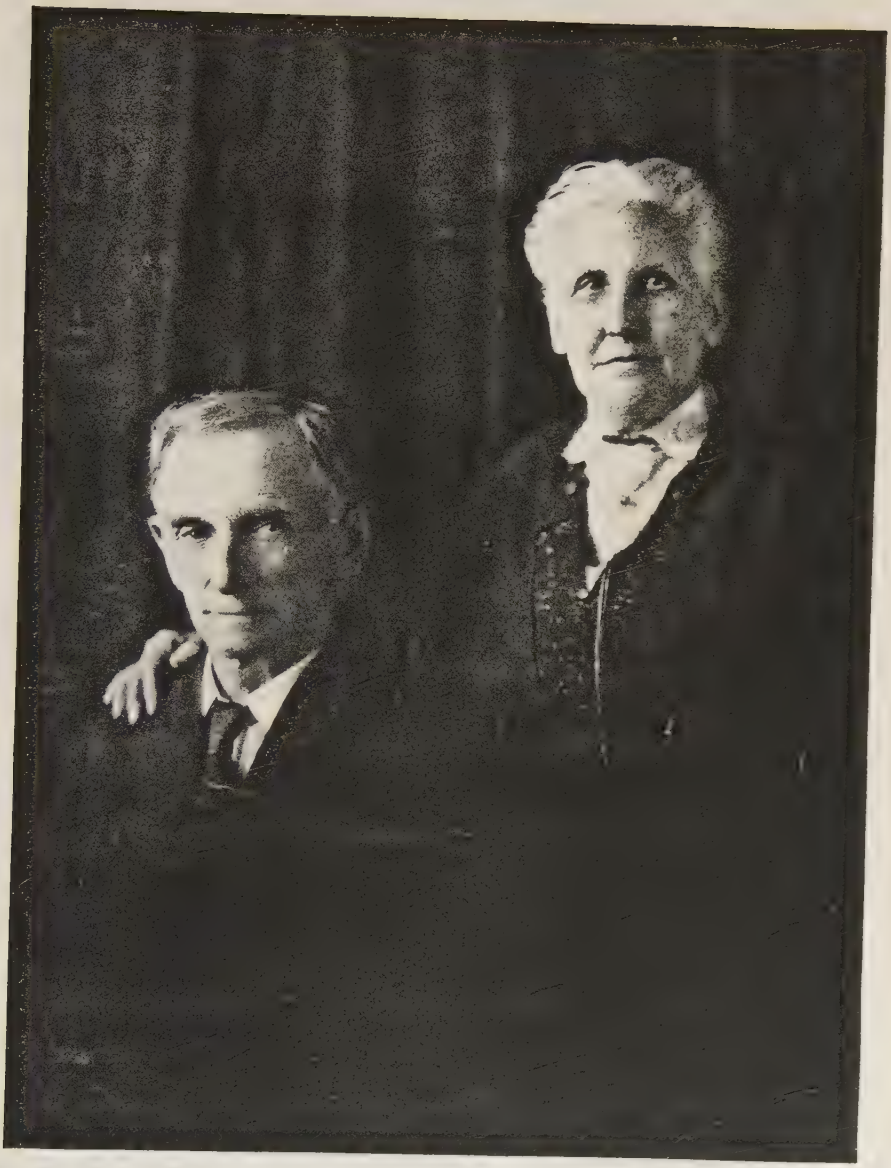
Mr. Weber was married to Celia D. Wheeler, a daughter of Henry Wheeler, of Ridgeville Corners, and they have the following children: Marshall, who was born in 1911; Morley Vincent, who was born in 1913; and Margaret Genevieve. Mr. Weber is an independent democrat. He belongs to Swanton Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Delta Council, Royal Arch Masons. Interested in the work of the Grange, he belongs to the county and state organizations. Having studied the question of good roads very carefully, Mr. Weber has been able to carry out his ideas in an intelligent and practical manner, and the people of his community are reaping the benefit from his knowledge and public-spirited endeavors.

Albert Bilbee LaRowe. It is given to but few men to round out the proverbial "three score and ten years," the allotted time of a man's life, on the same plot of ground where they first beheld the light of day, but that privilege has been vouchsafed to Albert B. LaRowe of Silver Brook Farm in Chesterfield. He was born at the family homestead December 6, 1847, and since last December he has been living on "borrowed time."

A. B. LaRowe, of Silver Brook, is a son of Moses and Lydia (Bradley) LaRowe. He has one sister, Victoria. The LaRowe family came from Genesee county, New York, in 1843, traveling as far as Toledo by water. Moses LaRowe left his wife there while he came on foot to the site of Silver Brook Farm, where there was already a "cabin in the clearing," placed there on a previous visit to the frontier community. He secured an ox team and went back to Toledo for his wife and their household belongings brought along from Genesee county. There is a falling leaf table, some dishes and a bureau at Silver Brook today that were in that original lot of household furniture.

While relatives on both sides frequently visited the family, none of them ever lived in Fulton county. Silver Brook was purchased from land speculators who were on the ground early, but since that time it has been a LaRowe family possession, the present owner buying it in 1872 from his father. The father and mother ended their days here, his demise coming January 23, 1882, while she lived until May 11, six years later. They lie buried in Butler or Chesterfield cemetery—the local burial place in their day and generation. He was born January 20, 1807, in New Jersey, and she was born December 2, 1812, in Springport, New York. They had been among the Fulton county settlers who selected this Chesterfield God's Acre as their final resting place. They had endured the hardships of the pioneers, and in their memory their posterity has a splendid heritage.

Albert B. LaRowe married Hattie E. Terpenning, December 25, 1869, and at the time of this interview, October 30, 1919, special plans were being formulated for their Golden Wedding anniversary in connection with the annual Christmas festivities. In their family there is a daughter and son—a repetition of the original LaRowe family at Silver Brook. They are: Mina and Albert Clair.



MR. AND MRS. A. B. LAROWE
(Taken on their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, December 25, 1919)

Mrs. LaRowe is one of three children born to John and Nancy (Van Arsdall) Terpenning. Her brothers are William H. and Francis E. Terpenning. The early Terpennings were also New York emigrants to Ohio. John Terpenning was born October 23, 1816, in Onandago county, and he died January 13, 1889, and he and his wife lie buried in the Wauseon Cemetery.

There was another Christmas wedding in 1898, when Mina LaRowe became the wife of Frank D. Stubbins. Their sons are Donald C., Wilden D. and Elbert F. Stubbins. Albert C. LaRowe married Rena Saulsbury, March 7, 1907, and their children are Frances E., Alice C. and William A. LaRowe. The daughter and her family have always lived at Silver Brook, where Mr. Stubbins is a farmer, and the son lives in Morenci, Michigan, where he is engaged in the hardware trade.

The LaRowe family has never affiliated with church or secret orders. The family vote, both LaRowe and Terpenning, has always been cast with the republican party. John Terpenning and his son, William H. Terpenning—an unusual thing, father and son—were soldiers in the Civil war, although they only met once while both were wearing the blue uniform.

Through the children in the Stubbins family, the fourth generation in the LaRowe household in now being sheltered at Silver Brook Farm. Among the household treasures is a volume of poems given to Mrs. LaRowe by her first school teacher, Mrs. Julia Carter Aldrich, entitled "Hazel Bloom." Their acquaintance began at the Ottokee school when Ottokee was the seat of government in Fulton county.

There are few citizens in Chesterfield who have lived longer in one community than have the LaRowes. Their acquaintance lies chiefly among the pioneer families of Fulton county, and it is not over-estimating things to say that their friends are numbered by their acquaintances.

Menno Traut. Both as a farmer and citizen Menno Traut measures up to high standards and is entitled to the confidence of his neighborhood, for he has earned it. He was born in Fulton county in 1883, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Riefsnider) Traut, who came to the United States from Russia, although of German birth, and for a time after reaching Ohio, Nicholas Traut worked by the day at Pettisville. Later he engaged in farming for others, and as soon as he had saved up enough money he bought fifty acres of land near Swanton and conducted it until he retired, and he is now living at Swanton, Ohio. He and his wife became the parents of two children.

Menno Traut attended the country schools and those at Delta, Ohio, until he was sixteen years old, when he left school and devoted all of his attention to the home farm, where he remained until twenty-three years old. In 1905 he was married at Swanton, Ohio, to Anna Spurgon, a daughter of Nathaniel Spurgon, and they became the parents of six children, all of whom are still living. Mrs. Traut died in 1917 and was deeply mourned, not only by her immediate family but also by the many who knew her and paid respect to her excellent qualities of heart and brain.

In 1908 Mr. Traut bought eighty-six acres of land, and this is his present farm, on which he is carrying on a general line of farming. He takes a strong interest in keeping his farm up-to-date, and

has made a number of improvements since buying it. Mr. Traut is a man who believes in exercising his own judgment with reference to voting, and so has not definitely connected himself with any party, but selects his candidates very carefully after inspecting their records. While he has devoted himself to his farm, he has found time to go into the matter of good roads in a comprehensive and practical manner, and wants necessary improvements made, but does not believe in an extravagant outlay. Working hard and steadily, he has been rewarded for his industry and thrift with a fair measure of success, and at the same time he has so conducted his affairs as to demonstrate that he was a good business man and fair-minded citizen. His progress has been a natural one, and is but the logical outcome of a lifetime of endeavor, and his experiences may well point out the way for others to follow.

Fred A. Barber. Fulton county has known and esteemed Fred A. Barber in many satisfactory relations for thirty years or more. In early life he emulated the success of his father as a teacher. For three terms he adjusted many difficult cases in the Probate Court, has been a prominent leader in the democratic party, and at present is enjoying an extensive practice as a lawyer.

Judge Barber was born near Baldwinsville, Onondaga county, New York, February 11, 1865, a son of Corydon Tappan and Louisa (Dye) Barber. His ancestry is notable since in the paternal line he is a descendent of Benjamin Franklin, while on the maternal side there was no less notable a figure than Elihu Yale, founder of Yale University.

Corydon Tappan Barber was long and favorably known in Fulton county. Born near Baldwinsville, New York, December 4, 1827, he took his family to Morenci, Michigan, in 1867. A man of real learning, he gave the greater part of his years to school work, teaching in Morenci until 1870, when he brought his family to Fulton county and settled near Fayette. For a number of years he was a teacher in the Fayette High School, but finally returned to Morenci, where he died. His record as a teacher comprised more than sixty terms, and prior to coming to Fulton county he was a school examiner in Michigan. A strong democrat, he had much ability as a public speaker and was in demand for the public work of his party. He volunteered to serve the nation in the time of the Civil war, but was rejected.

He was twice married. September 25, 1847, at Plainville, New York, Mary Ann Everts became his bride. She was the mother of two children, Francis dying in infancy, while the surviving son, William, who died in 1890 at the age of forty-two, was during his last years prosecuting attorney of Gladwin county, Michigan, and achieved a notable position as a lawyer. Mrs. Mary Ann Barber died in 1851. February 10, 1853, Corydon T. Barber married Louisa Dye. To this union were born six children: Albert L.; Miles, deceased, who was the father of the present judge of Probate Court of Fulton county, A. M. Barber; Matilda, who married Delos Whaley, of Gorham Township; Corydon, who died in infancy; Fred A.; and Homer, of Phoenix, Arizona. The mother of these children died at the home of her son Homer in Seneca Township of Lenawee county, Michigan, July 14, 1905, at the age of seventy-seven, and was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery at Morenci.

Fred A. Barber was an infant when the family moved to Michigan and was five years of age when their home was established near Fayette. He attended the district schools to the age of twelve, and then for four years was a student in the Morenci High School. From there he entered the Fayette Normal University, taking three courses, teachers', scientific and business. At the age of twenty he took an additional year in the teachers' course at Adrian, Michigan. Judge Barber was a successful teacher for six years. Turning then to business pursuits, he became a hardware merchant at Fayette and Delta, and was prospered in this line of business for twelve years.

An official publication of the democratic party of Ohio in 1913 said: "Ever since he became of age Judge Barber has taken an active interest in promoting the success of the democratic party and Fulton county, but he is not partisan and his fair-mindedness on all public subjects adds strength and attracts support to his party. He has served on both the central and executive branches of the County Committee." That appreciation was well justified by his able organization work and his service as a delegate to many states, congressional and judicial conventions. For years continuously he was a delegate to the senatorial conventions. His public record began with the office of clerk of Gorham Township, in which he served three terms, beginning in 1897. In 1905 he was elected judge of the Probate Court of Fulton county, and held that office for three terms. He was elected by increased majorities each time, and his third election was the more notable because the county was at that time strongly republican.

While probate judge he took up the study of law and concentrated his energies upon the subject after leaving office. In 1919 he attended a course of law lectures conducted by Judge Gusweiler at Cincinnati, and was successful in passing the Ohio bar examinations at Columbus the following December. His certificate of practice is dated December 15, 1919. Since then he has been busied with a rapidly accumulating general practice, and opened his office in Wauseon.

Judge Barber is chief deputy of the County Board of Elections. During the World war his time and abilities were at the service of the various organizations supporting national and patriotic interests, and he was actively identified with the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Associatoin, War Chest, Liberty Loan committees and was a member of the Soldiers Legal Advisory Board. Judge Barber is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias and a member of the Wauseon Methodist Church.

July 2, 1890, he married Carrie E. Cottrell, whose father, Gorham Cottrell, was one of the first settlers in Gorham Township. Judge and Mrs. Barber are deservedly proud of their two children. The son Harold G., who was educated in the Ohio State University and the University of Michigan, served in the World war and was one of General Pershing's guards at the army headquarters at Chaumont, France. After returning to America he resumed his connection with the Chevrolet Motor Company at Toledo. The daughter, Gertrude L., is a graduate of the Wauseon High School and is now taking musical instruction with Professor J. Charles Kunz of Toledo.

William Henry Segrist, a respected and successful farmer of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, comes of a family which

for almost seventy years has had connection with that township. William Henry Segrist was born there, has spent the whole of his life in the township, and during that period of sixty-four years has upon many occasions shown that he has been ready to assume his full share in the administrative responsibilities of the district. He has lived an upright, industrious, useful life, and his record in public office includes fifteen years as trustee, twelve years as school director and a period as supervisor of roads.

He was born in a log cabin in section 36 of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on January 10, 1856, the son of John Barnhart and Christina (Lautenscheger) Segrist, of that township. The Segrist family is of German origin, but William Henry is in the third generation of the family to have had residence in America. His father, John B., was only eight years old when his grandfather brought the family from Germany to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania, where Christina Lautenscheger, mother of William Henry, also was born. John Barnhart Segrist was born on August 30, 1823, and died July 28, 1918, in his ninety-fifth year, for eighty-two of which he had residence in Ohio. John B. Segrist was quite young when his father died in Pennsylvania, and until he was eighteen years old he lived with his uncle in Philadelphia. He learned the butchering trade in that city, but when eighteen years old, in 1841, came into Ohio, locating at Mansfield, where for three years he worked at his trade. For about five years thereafter he worked at his trade in the City of Toledo, Ohio, but in 1852, having prospered as an employe, he decided to take to farming. With that object he came to York Township, Fulton county, in that year and purchased a tract of eighty acres, only five of which, however, had been cleared. In fact, John Barnhart Segrist may be placed among the pioneers of that section, for it was almost all virgin forest land when he came, whereas before his active life was over he owned over two hundred acres of good cleared land in the township. He took his original eighty-acre tract in almost its primitive state. On the five acres that had been cleared was a log cabin, in which four years later his son William Henry was born, but his property at that time included no other buildings. Gradually he cleared the land, adding the necessary buildings, and eventually becoming possessed of a commodious, substantial residence. After putting the first eighty acres into good cultivation he purchased an adjoining tract of same acreage, and subsequently another adjacent tract of eighty acres. He was a man of strong personality and much energy, and was well regarded in the township in which he lived for sixty-six years. His wife, Christina (Lautenscheger), who was born in Pennsylvania, died in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in about 1867. They were the parents of six children, who, in order of birth, were: Amanda, who married George Yaney, and is now deceased; Mary Ann, who married Jonas Seymour, and now lives in California; William Henry, regarding whose life more will be written later herein; George, who died at the age of forty years; John E., also a resident in York Township; and Agnes, who married Samuel Ruppert, of Wauseon, Ohio, and died in about 1907.

William Henry Segrist, third child of John Barnhart and Christina (Lautenscheger) Segrist, was educated in the public schools of York Township, and after leaving school assisted his father in the

operation of the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he married. His wife, Mary Snyder, whom he married in September, 1877, was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Carrick) Snyder. She was born in Seneca county, Ohio. After marriage William Henry Segrist moved to an eighty-acre farm in section 34 of York Township. It was not in an advanced state of cultivation; in fact only twenty acres had been cleared, and upon it stood only an old house built by the original settler. Still William Henry Segrist had many of the commendable traits of his father, and he applied himself resolutely to the work of clearing the farm. For the first eleven years of his occupancy of the property he worked the land on shares, but at the end of that time he was able to buy the farm and make the necessary improvements. Practically all of the substantial buildings now standing on the property were built by him, including the homestead, a substantial frame structure containing ten spacious rooms, and the barns and granary. He has also acquired a further forty acres in section 3, south of York Township, and his farming has been generally successful. He has shown much enterprise, and has had good success in the raising of cattle, Hampshire hogs and draft horses. He maintains a small herd of Holstein milch cows, and grows most of his feed.

In public movements affecting the township Mr. Segrist has always been interested. Politically he is a democrat, although he has never sought national political office. In local affairs he has been ready to give time and assistance, and has always generously supported worthy local projects of educational, social or church bearing. He is a member of the Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church, and has held many offices. For fifteen years he was a trustee; he served as supervisor of roads for some time; and has been a member of the School Board of Directors for twelve years. His life has therefore been one of useful responsible industry and helpful public spirit.

William Henry and Mary (Snyder) Segrist are the parents of three children: Olive B., who married Clarence Sturdevant, of York Township, and has five children: Iva, now Mrs. Blain Gambel, Eva who married Richard Harding, Ethel, Emmet and Robert Wayne; Charles E., of York Township, married Bertha Bayes, and they have two children, Clifford and Alta; Howard, also of York Township, married Elitha Leist, and they have two children, Treva and Cora Belle. The family is generally well-liked in York Township, Mr. and Mrs. Segrist being hospitably inclined and they now live in Wauseon.

McClellan Pontious. No person who has not passed through the experience of developing a farm has any conception of the amount of work entailed, nor of the discouragements which must be met and overcome. Once a farm is put in good order, however, especially when it is one in Fulton county, Ohio, the profits from operating it are of sufficient moment to make all the efforts worth while. One of the men who has the satisfaction of having made practically all of his improvements is McClellan Pontius of Pike Township. He was born in York Township, this county, on March 22, 1881, a son of William and Patience Pontius, natives of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and Holmes county, Ohio, respectively. Both survive and are living in York Township.

Growing up in his native township McClellan Pontious not only acquired an educational training, but a practical one as well, and while he was assisting his father in conducting the farm, he was learning a business which was to be the one in which his efforts are directed. In September, 1902, Mr. Pontious was united in marriage with Clara Ledyard, born in Clinton Township, a daughter of Franklin and Ellen (Kimmer) Ledyard. After his marriage Mr. Pontious lived with his parents for six months, and then rented a York Township farm for six months. He then bought eighty acres on section 6, Pike Township, which was only partly cultivated. This property had for its sole improvements the uprights standing for the house. With an energy which is characteristic of him, Mr. Pontious set right to work to get things in a proper shape. He erected a comfortable residence, big barn and other outbuildings, put up fences and placed tiling, and did everything to make his farm a paying investment. Here he is carrying on a first-class general farming and stockraising business, and his returns amply justify his wisdom in making the outlay he has.

Mr. and Mrs. Pontious have the following children: Hazel Bernice, Hallie Geneva, Audry Ellen, Doris Isabel, Eugene Clifford and Clair Clayton. In politics Mr. Pontious is a republican, but aside from exercising his right of suffrage he has not taken much part in politics, the work of developing that farm of his taking just about all of his time and attention. He has found time, however, to join and participate in the work of the Gleaners of Dover Township, and is heartily in accord with the principles and policies of that organization. Both he and Mrs. Pontious stand very high in the neighborhood and are recognized as young people of exceptional character, industrious and thrifty, excellent managers and fine citizens.

Lewis Clifford Halsey. Some years ago the tendency of the farm-bred boy was to leave the healthful influence of the rural districts and seek other opportunities in one or other of the large cities of the country. As a result some of the best men were lost to the farming industries and many who might have achieved notable success in the line of work for which they were fitted through inheritance and training lost out in their life struggle. Fortunately there has been a reaction, and the majority of the young men are remaining on the farms, being convinced that from them they can not only earn a good living but also a competency that is liable to run into wealth, and at the same time they can maintain their own independence of thought and action. Such a representative of the younger generation of agriculturists is Lewis Clifford Halsey, of Swan Creek Township. He was born in Amboy Township, Fulton county, on December 29, 1890, a son of T. Jefferson and Ellen (Carter) Halsey, who are now residents of Delta, Ohio, and very estimable people.

In 1908 Lewis C. Halsey was united in marriage with Blanche Meyers, born at Colton, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Theodosia (Soles) Meyers. Following his marriage Mr. Halsey resided on his father's homestead in Swan Creek Township where he had been reared for a period of two years, and then rented land for a year. He then located at Delta and worked at carpentering for a year. Mr. Halsey then went to Toledo, Ohio, and until November 7, 1918, was employed in carpenter work by the Overland Auto Company. In that year he returned to the farm of ninety acres owned by his

father, and has since conducted it with remarkable success proving that in farming he has found his proper vocation. He keeps eight cows of the Holstein strain, and raises hogs and other livestock, and carries on general farming and dairying. Mr. and Mrs. Halsey have three children, namely: Florence, Vern and Meryl. While Mr. Halsey's educational training was limited to that afforded by the district schools, his wife went to the public schools of Colton, Ohio. They are consistent members of the Shiloh Union Church of their neighborhood. In politics Mr. Halsey is a republican, and he supports the candidate of his party at each election. His fraternal connections are with the Modern Woodmen of America, which he joined at Toledo, Ohio, and the Knights of the Maccabees of Colton, Ohio. Both he and Mrs. Halsey are held in the highest respect in their township, and are the center of a pleasant circle of young married people.

Leander E. Richards, one of the prosperous farmers of Swan Creek Township, is deserving of special mention in a work of this high class character because of his efforts directed toward the advancement of the agricultural interests of Fulton county. He was born at Nankin, Ashland county, Ohio, on April 27, 1851, son of James Lewis and Margaret (Oberholtzer) Richards, natives of West Virginia and Germany, respectively. They were married in Ohio and moved to DeKalb county, Indiana, where they spent three years, and then went to Steuben county of that same state. They were residents of that county when the war between the states was declared, and he enlisted in the Union Army as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served during the last year of the war, receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the conflict. Returning to his farm, he resumed his peaceful occupations. A few years later he went to Fillmore county, Nebraska, took up a soldier's claim of 160 acres, and on it lived until his death, which occurred on February 9, 1892. His widow, who was born on October 15, 1827, survived him until March 15, 1907, when she, too, passed away. Their children were as follows: Milton and Caroline who are deceased; Leander E., whose name heads this review; Ira Alton, who lives at Lorain, Ohio; and Artimitia, Byron, Angeline and Alma, all of whom are deceased; Josetta, who is Mrs. Davis, of Saint Joseph, Missouri; and Lewis, Margaret and Katie, who are all deceased.

When he was eighteen years old Leander E. Richards, at the time of his parents departure for Nebraska, began working for farmers, and was so engaged when he was married on January 13, 1875, to Ida Holborn, born in Henry county, Ohio, a daughter of Stephen and Martha (Chamberlin) Holborn, he was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, on January 1, 1827, and she at Seneca, Ohio, on July 20, 1832. He died on October 12, 1912, and she on December 3, 1865.

After his marriage Leander Richards rented land in Fulton county for four years, and then went to Nebraska, where he joined his father, but after three years in that state decided that he preferred Ohio to the west, and returned to Fulton county, renting land in York Township for several years. He then bought eighty acres of woodland in Swan Creek Township, which he cleared and improved, and made it his home until 1915. In that year he bought thirty acres of land in Swan Creek Township, on which he is now living, renting his larger farm. Since coming to this farm he has

erected the buildings now standing, and his place is in first class condition in every respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards became the parents of the following children: Fred Lewis, who is a farmer of Swan Creek Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mary, who is Mrs. John Murray, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Archie Claude, who was born on November 3, 1880, died on September 20, 1910; Essie Pearl, who died in infancy; Virginia L., who lives at Unity, Ohio; and Martha Bell, who is Mrs. Clark Wagner, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Richards has always been a friend to the public schools, as he obtained his own educational training in them, although when he attended them conditions were very different from what they are today. He is a very strong republican, but aside from exercising his right of suffrage he does not participate in politics. The Christian Union Church holds his membership and benefits from his contributions. In every respect Mr. Richards measures up to the best standards of American manhood, and no man stands any higher in his home neighborhood than he.

Rev. Henry P. Waechter. The zealous and energetic pastor of the Church of St. Mary's Assumption at Caraghar, Ohio, is the son of Frank and Mary Waechter (nee Hydinger).

His grandparents were George and Mary Waechter, and were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, that famous strip of country that has been the scene of so many wars, and figured so prominently in many peace treaties of Europe.

They came to America as early as 1828 and settled at Rochester, New York. In 1852 they moved to New Washington, Crawford county, Ohio, where the family has resided ever since. They were among the early settlers in this country, and put up with all the hardships of pioneer days.

The Rev. Henry Waechter is the youngest of a family of seven children, and was born September 2, 1880, at New Washington, Ohio. He attended St. Bernard's parochial school there, and in September, 1897, he entered St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana. The following year he entered Holy Ghost College, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years. In 1900 he entered St. Francis Preparatory Seminary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he also completed his classical education. In September of 1902 he entered St. Mary's Seminary at Cleveland, Ohio, where he studied philosophy and theology for six years. Having successfully completed his course of studies, he was ordained for the diocese of Cleveland June 13, 1908, by Bishop Koudelka in St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio.

His first appointment was assistant at St. Joseph's Church, Fremont, Ohio, when the parish was busily engaged in building the large and monumental parochial school there.

On February 10, 1909, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's parish at Van Wert, with Spencerville and Convoy as missions. He was the only Catholic priest in the whole county, while Spencerville was twenty-three miles away on another railroad. The number of Catholics at all three places was very small, so Father Waechter encountered many incidences that are peculiar to pioneer days.

When the diocese of Toledo was created out of the northwestern part of Ohio in 1910 Father Waechter automatically became a member of the new diocese.

After a successful pastorate lasting nearly four years at Van Wert and missions, he was appointed the first resident pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Blakeslee, Ohio. He entered upon his new field of labor October 15, 1912, with great zeal and energy. He built there a splendid and commodious parochial residence that ranks with the best of any parish of similar size and circumstances. While fulfilling his charge at Blakeslee he also organized Sacred Heart parish at Montpelier, Ohio, and in 1913 he built the first Catholic Church there, which place he attended ever afterwards as a mission. When the large and prosperous parish of St. Mary's Assumption at Caraghar, became vacant on August 1, 1917, Father Waechter was chosen by Bishop Schrembs to fill the vacancy there. The parish had just finished building a large parochial school, so Father Waechter found his new parish indebted to the extent of $15,000. He at once set about to pay off the indebtedness of the parish. So successful was he in this matter that in two years time the whole debt was paid, much to the joy and surprise of the whole parish.

Father Waechter is possessed of great tact and prudence, which is greatly the cause of the splendid success that he has everywhere met. He is a pleasing speaker, and conscientious in fulfilling the duties of his office. His kind and sympathetic nature, his easy and approachable manner, his unassuming ways have always and everywhere won for him the love and esteem of his people.

Jacob F. Perkins. The Perkins family of which Jacob F. Perkins of Swan Creek is a representative is English, the parents and four children coming to the United States in 1853 and locating in Wayne county, Ohio. In February, 1870, J. E. Perkins was born in Wayne county. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Burr) Perkins.

William Perkins removed from Wayne to Fulton county in 1870, locating in Swan Creek Township. He bought eighty acres in the brush, and some of it heavily timbered, and he cleared twenty-four acres, residing there until the time of his death in 1894, and the wife lived there until 1905, when her death occurred. While thirteen children were born to them only five reached manhood and womanhood. Anna is the wife of Levi Swartz, of Hastings, Nebraska; Mary is the widow of Jacob Hodgebone, of Toledo; Julia is the wife of Charles Wilford, of Toledo; Joseph lives in Swanton; and Jacob F. lives on the farm in Swan Creek. In March, 1899, he married Ocie E. Peterson, of Swan Creek. She is a daughter of John and Sarah (Williams) Peterson. Her father came from Long Island, while her mother had always lived in Swan Creek. One daughter, Grace, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.

Mr. Perkins has served as school director for many years. He has served two terms as township trustee, and he was instrumental in building eight miles of hard road in that time. He is a democrat in politics, and is a member of Brailey Grange and a stockholder in the Brailey Grange Hall Company.

While he has put in many industrious years on the farm that was his boyhood environment, Jacob F. Perkins has evidently acknowledged the call of public spirit and has freely enlisted his services in every community project for the general welfare. He is one of the thinking men found in agricultural circles today who are

doing so much to increase the attractiveness of farm life and also improve the general economic conditions of those who till the soil.

James B. Templeton, educator, state official, attorney, and latterly a successful agriculturist also, is one of the leading residents of Swan Creek Township, Fulton county. Now in his sixty-second year, he has lived an active, useful, and consequential life since he graduated from Wooster University. He has successively and successfully been a school teacher, a justice of the peace, a clerk of the state house of representatives, and an attorney; and concurrently with his practice of law has served as mayor of Swanton, besides many other local offices, as well as attending to the affairs of a farm of moderate size. And it may be stated that he has entered into the labors upon his farm with as much enthusiasm and pleasure as he manifested in a much discussed legal prosecution when he was at the height of his career as an attorney. He has shown much capability in public affairs, and, withal, possesses a commendably sincere public spirit.

James B. Templeton was born in Delta, York Township, Ohio, on September 11, 1858, the son of John S. and Lydia A. (Fessler) Templeton, the former having been born in Wayne county, Ohio, and his mother in Union county, Pennsylvania. The Templeton family is of Scottish origin, but has for many generations been resident in the United States. Evidently the family can be placed among the early pioneer families of Ohio, for John Templeton, grandfather of James B., and also his wife, Susan Watkins, were born in Ohio, and is of record in Swan Creek Township, Fulton county, as early as 1852, while the maternal grandparents of James B. Templeton, Joseph B. and Catherine (Fox) Fessler, were on the wild land of Swan Creek Township in 1835, when practically the whole district was wilderness. Grandfather John Templeton was a man of enormous stature. He was six feet, seven inches in height, and is stated to have at one time weighed 502 pounds. His chest measurement was seventy-two inches, and his other measurements were proportionate. He had a farm of 120 acres in Swan Creek Township, and lived the life of a sturdy pioneer. John S. Templeton, son of John and Susan (Watkins) Templeton, spent some of his early life in Fulton county, and there met Lydia A. Fessler, who became his wife. Soon after marriage they moved to Gratiot county, Michigan, but two years later returned to Fulton county, and lived in Delta Village, York Township. For many years John S. Templeton was a railway employe, a conductor, but he also entered extensively into farming operations. He owned 182 acres of land in Swan Creek Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and also 320 acres in Buenavista county, Iowa, having homesteaded ½ of the latter holding and purchased the other portion. He was a man of worthy spirit, and notwithstanding his marital responsibilities, and his farming interests, he could not resist the desire to take personal part in the cause of the Union during the Civil war. He enlisted as a private in Company I of the Thirty-eighth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went through the severe campaigning of three years, rising to the rank of first lieutenant and receiving honorable discharge at the termination of hostilities. It was soon after his discharge from military service that he returned to Fulton county and acquired the Swan Creek land; and for the next twenty-one

years, until his death in 1886, he resided on that property, applying himself steadily to agricultural operations. His wife, however, lived a widowhood of fourteen years, her death not occurring until 1910, she being then seventy-seven years old. The children of John S. and Lydia (Fessler) Templeton were: Frank who entered the legal profession and is in law practice in Toledo, Ohio; James B., of further reference; David D., who died in infancy; John W., now of San Hoquin, Cuba.

James B., second child of John S. and Lydia A. (Fessler) Templeton, was only three years old when his father left his wife and two children to the care of the nation and himself took up arms for the emancipation of the southern slaves. Fortune favored the family, and the father eventually returned safely and sound of limb after three years of severe campaigning; and from that time until the children had grown to manhood and had acquired good educations the father provided amply for the needs of the family. James B. graduated eventually from Wooster University, and when twenty-seven years old married, soon after which he and his wife took up their residence in Swanton, Fulton county, and in that place he entered the teaching profession. He also served for twelve years as justice of the peace in Swanton. He took a leading part in the public life of the community, and was actively interested in political affairs. He served as clerk of the State House of Representatives for the seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth session of the State General Assembly, and he appears to have resolved to forsake his former professional work, that of teaching, and to qualify for admittance to the practice of law. He was admitted to practice law at the state bar on December 6, 1901, and opened a law office in the City of Toledo, Ohio, in 1902, continuing to practice in that city until 1909, when he purchased the farm of seventy-five acres he has since owned and managed in section 11 of Swan Creek Township, Fulton county. He had served as mayor of Swanton, Ohio, for one term, and the year following that of his purchase of the Swan Creek estate and taking up residence in that township he was appointed prosecuting attorney, was re-elected in 1912, and served until 1915, when he gave up the office and entered more actively into farming. During the last five years Attorney Templeton has raised upon his farm more than two thousand bushels of wheat, entering zealously into the plans of the Department of Agriculture, which sought to get American farmers during the years of stress, 1917-18, to bring about an abnormal yield of food-stuffs, to circumvent the ravages ot war among the famished people of European countries. He has also raised other farm products and maintains a moderate sized dairy; in fact, five milch cows yield him a greater return than he received in salary for his professional labors as prosecuting attorney. Mr. Templeton has a rich farm, which is now known as Wheatland Farm, and although he still practices law he gives much of his time to the direction of his farm. Among the minor public offices he has held have been that of clerk of Swanton Village Board and clerk of Swan Creek Township. During the war he was prominent in local activities connected with the various war funds raised by the government and by governmental agencies, and in other ways demonstrated his patriotic feeling and interest.

He has been identified with the functioning of local branches of some of the leading fraternal orders. He is a Mason, belonging to Swanton Lodge No. 555, and to the Fulton Chapter of Wauseon,

Ohio. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 588 of Swanton, through most of the chairs of which he has passed, and has held most of the offices of Viking Lodge No. 892 of Toledo. He also is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur order, while his college fraternity is Phi Delta Theta. Politically he has always been a republican, and his church is the Methodist Episcopal, in support of which he is consistent as one would expect from a man of his high moral character.

On November 1, 1885, he married Amanda J. Bayes, who was born in Wauseon, Ohio, daughter of Benjamin W. and Margaret (Garmon) Bayes, her father a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and her mother of Fulton county birth. In the paternal line her ancestry is Scottish, but her genealogy in the maternal line connects with a German family, her grandparents being Thomas and Elizabeth (Wallick) Bayes, who were born in Pennsylvania, of Scottish antecedents, and Philip and Elizabeth (Koos) Garmon, who were of German birth. All, however, are of record in the early annals of Fulton county, Ohio, and are placed among the early settlers of the region. James B. and Amanda J. (Bayes) Templeton are the parents of two children. Mildred B. married Clare D. Pettingill, who is in the International truck business in Jacksonville, Florida, and is a successful business man. They have three children, James T., Patricia A. and William C. Georgia H. married Elmer F. Pelton, of Erie, Pennsylvania. They have two children, John R. and Althea Nan.

Since early manhood Mr. Templeton has been placed among the capable men of Fulton county, and as a citizen and professional man has been among the leaders of York and Swan Creek Townships.

Isaac V. Williams, who died August 4, 1919, had spent nearly half a century in the Delta community of Fulton county. His capable wife, Mrs. Williams, is still living at Delta, where for many years she has conducted the leading millinery establishment.

The late Mr. Williams was born at Reedtown, Seneca county, Ohio, September 3, 1840, son of James and Vanluah (Whitten) Williams, the former a native of Richland and the latter of Coshocton county. They spent their married lives in Seneca county as farmers, and James Williams was also a minister of the Protestant Methodist Church.

Isaac V. Williams in April, 1864, enlisted in Company G of the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. There were four brothers in the war, in three different regiments. Isaac Williams was sent first to Johnson's Island and then did garrison duty in Washington, District of Columbia. In about a hundred days he was discharged for physical defect and returned to Seneca county.

Mr. Williams came to Delta April 6, 1869, and followed his trade as a carpenter and also clerked in a hardware store. For several years he was a hardware and dry goods salesman and also lived in South Dakota to benefit his health. While in the northwest he clerked in a bank and in a merchandise establishment four summers, always returning to Delta for the winter.

May 12, 1863, Mr. Williams married Sarah Elizabeth Smith, of Norwalk. She is a daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Rogers) Smith,

both of whom were born in Wayne county, Ohio. Her grandparents were Elisha and Sarah (Ames) Smith and Joel and Elizabeth (Eles) Rogers. Both families acquired government land in Ohio in early days. The story is told by her great-grandfather, Elisha Ames, illustrating his remarkable vigor, how when he was ninety-two years of age he drove with a horse and buggy from Syracuse, New York, to Norwalk, Ohio, and returned the same way, showing no ill effects from the experience. Mrs. Williams' father, Lemuel Smith, enlisted in the Union Army but died February 7, 1861, on the day he was to leave with his regiment, the Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry.

While a young woman Mrs. Williams learned the millinery trade in Cleveland, and the week after her arrival she opened a millinery shop in Delta. She owns a two-story business room, the oldest and best patronized establishment in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had a foster daughter, Lula Clancy, whom they reared as their own child, and she is the wife of William Nachtriebs, of Elkhart, Indiana. Their son, George Nachtriebs, is in Detroit. Mr. Williams filled various offices in the Methodist Episcopal Church, being chorister and in charge of the musical service for thirty-five years. He also filled the chairs of the Masonic Lodge, and was a member and for many years chaplain of McQuillan Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sylvanus Walter Stevens. The Stevens family history from which Sylvanus Walter Stevens of Spring Hill is descended begins in Ohio February 5, 1851, when William H. Stevens married Effie Foster, of Morrow county. The record in the family Bible shows that he was born June 4, 1809, in Pennsylvania, and this is known to be his second marriage, Effie Foster not being the mother of the children. While it is known that Armenia Morrison, to whom he was first married, was born November 24, 1812, there is no record of the time or the place of the marriage ceremony. He was the second in line to bear the name of William H. Stevens, being a son of William H. and Sarah (Crowley) Stevens. It is understood that the Stevens family is originally from Kentucky and the Crowley family from New Jersey. While it is known there were brothers and sisters in the Stevens family nothing at all is known of the Crowleys.

The children born to William H. and Armenia (Morrison) Stevens, were Royal Crowley, Charles Leonitus, Daniel Leander, Sylvanus Monroe, William Henry, John Sylvester and Sarah Catharine. They were born in Morrow, Richland and Knox counties as the parents migrated from one place to another. The six brothers, and the record is unique, were all soldiers in the Civil war, enlisting from Fulton county. Sylvanus M., the invalid father of Sylvanus Walter was for ten months a prisoner in Andersonville. At the end of the war he was released from that vile place a living skeleton. It had been reported to his relatives that he was dead. and the war records show that a tombstone bearing his name and the number of his grave had been provided by the United States Government in Washington.

Mr. Stevens was removed from Andersonville to Annapolis, Maryland, where he was held in camp until he recovered sufficient strength to return to his home in Fulton county. Mr. Stevens was born June 18, 1839, while the family lived in Richland county, and

he came with his father and step-mother to Fulton county when he was ten years old—one year before the organization of the county. In 1849 his father came to the new country and let the contract for cutting the timber off of five acres of land already entered in what was later Franklin Township, and in the following spring the family took up its permanent residence in Fulton county. There are two survivors, John S., who lives in Missouri, and the sister who lives in California. Sylvanus Monroe died December 27, 1919.

September 8, 1868, S. M. Stevens married Sarah Estella Gilbert. They have lived on a farm in Franklin and later in Spring Hill. Mrs. Stevens is a daughter of Daniel Clark and Emily (Murray) Gilbert, the father an Indiana man and the mother an Iowa woman. They were married in Steuben county, Indiana, and there they lived when three of their children, DeVillo, Sarah Estella, and Seth were born, two others, Anna and Leota, being born after the family removed to Fulton county.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens: Daniel Lamont, born May 25, 1873, married Louise Hintz. His children are William H. and Fremont. Effie Blanche, born February 22, 1875, was the wife of Melvin Ernst. She had one son, Mural. She died April 27, 1903. Iva Leota, born October 14, 1877, died at the age of four years. Sylvanus Walter Stevens, born July 25, 1882, married Annette Jane Moore, March 2, 1914, and after an absence his place of residence is again Spring Hill. It is he who hands down the family story. His wife was born in Chillicothe. She was one of ten children born to Aaron Black and Sarah Jane (Moore) Moore. While her parents had the same surname they were not related to each other. Six of their children, Mary Elizabeth, Annette Jane, Ida Alice, Emma Charlotte, Walter O'Connell and Albert Myers, reached mature life, but Annette Jane (Mrs. Stevens) is the only one living in Fulton county.

While S. M. Stevens has an Andersonville experience, A. B. Moore, who was also a Civil war soldier was confined for six months in Libby prison, an old tobacco house in Richmond, Virginia, while the Andersonville prison was little more than an open field in Georgia. In January, 1918, Mr. Stevens revisited the site of this famous old Confederate prison as he and Mrs. Stevens were en route to Florida.

The Stevens children all had common school advantages, and while his brother is a real estate dealer in Iowa, S. W. Stevens engaged in business as a jeweler, but later he graduated from the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Institute and School of Mechano-Therapy, and for a time he practiced in the Fair Oak Sanitarium, Summit, New Jersey. He now lives in Spring Hill in order to be near his father and mother in their declining years. When a nurse is required he and his wife are at hand, and they both understand the requirements.

In its entire history the Stevens family has been whig and republican, the one merging into the other. For sixteen years S. M. Stevens was treasurer of Dover, and he was trustee for six years while living in Franklin. The family affiliates with the Baptist Church, and while the Stevens family contributed so much to the Civil war, its six stalwart sons, one grandson, William S. Stevens and a nephew, Irving Stevens, did the honors of the family in the World war.

Since the beginning of the twentieth century the Stevens family home has been in Spring Hill. The children were home on the golden wedding anniversary, September 8, 1918, and while they are living on borrowed time the father and mother are surrounded with every comfort, their son and his wife always at their service. The son in Iowa is a frequent visitor, and he also looks after their welfare.

JOHN HENRY HOMAN. The true spirit of progress and enterprise is strikingly exemplified in the lives of such men as John H. Homan, one of Fulton county's successful farmers, whose energetic nature and laudable ambition have enabled him to conquer many adverse circumstances and advance steadily. He has met and overcome obstacles that would have discouraged men of less determination and won for himself not only a comfortable living, but also a prominent place among the enterprising men of his section of the county. Such a man is a credit to any community, and his life forcibly illustrates what energy and consecutive effort can accomplish when directed and controlled by correct principles and high moral resolves, and no man is more worthy of specific mention in a volume of the character of the one in hand.

John Henry Homan was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1869, and is the son of Fred C. and Margaret (Lange) Homan, who were farming folk in their native land. In 1884, when the subject was about fifteen years of age, the family, comprising the parents and four children, came to the United States and located in Freedom Township, Henry county, Ohio. The subject began early in life to work on his own account, his first venture being a tract of five acres, which he cultivated when but fourteen years old for one season. During the following two years he operated a tract of forty acres, and then an eight-acre farm adjoining for four years. The following five years he had an eighty-acre farm, but at the end of that time, his older brother having bought a farm of his own, the subject returned home and assisted his father for two years. During the following twelve years he was employed as a farm hand by his neighbors, and then, after his marriage, he worked a year for his father-in-law. In 1899 he bought forty-five acres of land in Clinton Township, Fulton county, and operated it for two years, when he sold it and for another year again worked for his father-in-law. He then bought sixty acres of land in Clinton Township, to which in 1909 he added forty acres, so that today he is the owner of a fine farm of as good land as can be found in that section of the county, and to the operation of this land he is giving intelligent direction, with the result that prosperity is attending his efforts and he is numbered among the best farmers in his community. He carries on general farming and his place is well improved with substantial and attractive buildings. He is methodical and up-to-date, not hesitating to adopt new methods when their superiority over former methods is proven.

Mr. Homan is independent in his political views and his religious affiliation is with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He takes a proper interest in local public affairs.

In 1898 Mr. Homan was married to Mary Behnfeldt, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Kruse) Behnfeldt, of Henry county, and they have become the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Ernest, Martha, Hilda, Ervin, Edwin and

Laura. Mr. Homan has acted well his part in life, having lived a life consistent in principle and sound in action, and because of his successful career and his excellent personal qualities he is eminently deserving of the enviable standing which he enjoys in the community.

William C. Domitio, was until recently the senior partner of the firm of Domitio and Ruppert, clothiers, tailors and gentlemen's furnishings dealers of Wauseon, Ohio. The firm was a continuation of the business established by his uncle, Christopher Domitio, almost fifty years ago had an extensive trade, especially in custom tailoring, and was extensively developed by Mr. William C. Domitio, after he purchased his uncle's interest in 1907. And he had the gratification of seeing his son among the first young patriots to leave Wauseon for military service after the nation became in a state of war with Germany; and he had the still greater satisfaction in seeing his son return from the war cheerful in spirit and sound in limb after a service of about two years in the war zone.

William C. Domitio is the son of Joseph and Mary (Durnwald) Domitio. His genealogy in the parental line traces back to an old French family, latterly domiciled in Alsace, while in the maternal line the origin is Teutonic. Joseph Domitio was a cabinet maker in his home land, and when he immigrated to America he found no difficulty in following his trade. At first he settled at Norwalk, Ohio, and there married. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom their son William C. was the third born. William C. was born at Wauseon in 1862, and there he received the main part of his education, attending the public schools there until the family removed to Toledo, where William C. attended the parochial school of St. Peter's. He began to work when thirteen years old, his first work being in a brush factory. Then for a while he worked in a trunk factory, but about two years after leaving school he returned to Wauseon, on May 15, 1876, so that he might learn the trade of tailor in the establishment of his uncle, Christopher Domitio. In Wauseon, and with his uncle, he remained for five years, during which time he became a competent tailor. Then followed a service of three years as tailor to Clark and Krike of Toledo, and another Toledo tailor, Thomas Vanaarle. Eventually, however, he returned to Wauseon, and again worked for his uncle, with whom he remained until his uncle retired from business, which event was made possible by the purchase of the business by the nephew in partnership with another Wauseon man, Samuel Ruppert. The change of ownership occurred on July 26, 1907, after which time the business was known under the firm name of Domitio and Ruppert. The partners, being younger and more aggressive men, expanded the business considerably, until it became one of much volume. In the custom tailoring department especially they had a very wide connection, supplying clothes even to Toledo people, while within a radius of fifteen miles of Wauseon they had a good portion of the business in that line. In February, 1920, Mr. Domitio disposed of his interest in the business to his partner, Mr. Ruppert. He has since accepted a position with the Willys-Overland Company, Toledo.

Mr. Domitio is a staunch republican, and has given unwavering support to that party since entitled to a vote. And in the local

affairs he has taken close interest, although he has never shown any desire to seek public office. He is a devout Catholic.

In July, 1882, in Toledo, he married Mary Neidhardt, of Toledo, who has borne him three children: Mary, who married Schuyler Sullinger, of Wauseon, and has one child, a son, William; Eleanor, who married Charles Gerringer, of Wauseon, and has one child, her son Richard; Joseph Casper, who was born in Wauseon, Ohio, in 1896, was educated in the public schools of the place, and eventually graduated from the Wauseon High School in the class of 1914. He intended to enter into business association with his father, and with that object began to work in the store soon after he had graduated, and he had gained a good knowledge of the business during the next few years. In 1917, however, when the nation became involved in the European war, young Domitio was one of the first of Wauseon's young men to volunteer for military service. He enlisted in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army on May 2, 1917, at Toledo, Ohio, and was sent to Washington Barracks, District of Columbia. On August 17, 1917, his regiment was ordered to France, and was one of the first units to reach the theatre of war. Eventually young Domitio was transferred to General Headquarters, under General Nolan. He rose steadily through the grades until he had the responsibility and rank of sergeant-major to which grade he was promoted on March 25, 1918. On May 1, 1919, he was still at Chaumont, France, attached to the General Headquarters of General Pershing; and he was among the last American troops, with the exception of odd details and the Army of Occupation, to leave France. He and his friend, Le Roy Donat, were the two first boys to leave Fulton county for the military service after the outbreak of the war and the two first to land in France, and he was one of the last to return—a creditable record. In April, 1920, he married Nola Strayer, of Wauseon, and they now make their home in Toledo.

Otto Rice represents the young and progressive element in Fulton county's agricultural citizenship. He is living on part of the farm where he was born in Gorham Township, and in recent years has gone in for the diversified farming, which has proved the most profitable for this section of country. He is a dairyman, chicken raiser and general farmer.

Mr. Rice was born in section 22 of Gorham Township June 20, 1887, a son of Oscar and Minnie (Boger) Rice. His father was born in Gorham Township, where the Rice family were early settlers. His parents were Milo and Lydia Rice. The mother was born at the little village of Hamburg, near Sharon, in western Pennsylvania. Oscar Rice after his marriage located on 154½ acres in sections 22 and 23 of Gorham Township. He was a good farmer in his generation, kept up his improvements, and owned good livestock, and interested himself in the welfare of the community. He died in 1896, respected and honored, and was survived by his widow until February 22, 1912. They had two sons, Ellis and Otto, the former a resident of Jackson, Michigan.

Otto Rice married on March 22, 1911, Julia Shaffer. She was born in Gorham Township March 19, 1894, daughter of George and Bertha (Randall) Shaffer, also natives of Gorham Township. Mr. Rice acquired his education in the Handy district school, while

Mrs. Rice attended the Hoffman district school in Gorham Township.

Both were young, enterprising and ambitious, but at the time of their marriage possessed little capital. For a time they lived on the Rice farm and then rented forty acres in Gorham Township for a year. After that Mr. Rice bought eighty acres of his father's home, and his work and improvements have justified his ownership. He has laid about five hundred rods of tile, effecting complete drainage for his fields. He has also built 250 rods of new wire fence, has remodeled the barn and has complete equipment for a herd of twelve grade Holstein cows. He has also built a combined milk house, wood house and garage, and has a well equipped chicken house, specializing in the White Leghorn breed of chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice have two children, a son, Rollen George, born March 4, 1913, and a daughter, Rena Belle, born December 11, 1919. The family attend the Methodist Church and Mr. Rice is a republican voter.

THE HIBBARD FAMILY. There is English, French, Scotch, Welsh —in fact many of the nations of Europe are represented in the blood lines of the Hibbard family in America through its relationship to the Green, Rice, Palmer, Cary, Crane, Backus, Griswold, Hill, Prentice, Wheeler, Wood, Rudd, Bent, Sprague, Graves, Walden, Newell and Owen families—all this line of Hibbard family ancestry having come early in the history of the New World. These families all came between the years of 1624 and 1660, and many New England and other Atlantic coast cities bear their impress today, although Massachusetts and Connecticut were the scenes of their greatest activities.

The founder of the House of Hibbard in America was Robert Hibbard, who came from Salisbury, England, as early as 1635, and almost two hundred years later the Hibbard family history had its beginning in Athens county, Ohio. On February 4, 1838, is the time it had its beginning in the vicinity of Spring Hill—long before there was a Fulton county or a Dover Township, Spring Hill being one of the earliest frontier settlements. It was then part of Lucas county. The site of the original Hibbard homestead was called Spring Hill, and later a village sprang up around it and it was given the name of the homestead. Spring Hill is still the home of the remnant of the Hibbard family.

On June 15, 1809, occurred the birth of Mortimer Dormer Hibbard—the head of the House of Hibbard in Fulton county. He was a son of the Rev. Elisha Hibbard. His mother, Abbie Owen, was born near Fannington, Connecticut. The young minister and his wife were living in Jefferson county, New York, at the time of the birth of their son, and when he was seven years old they removed to Athens county, Ohio—the beginning of the Hibbard family history west of the Allegheny mountains. It was while growing up in Athens county that Mortimer D. Hibbard met Mary Rice Green. She was born there June 25, 1809, a frontier maiden only ten days younger than the gallant suitor who courted and won her. She was a daughter of William Green of Malden, Massachusetts, and Deborah (Rice) Green, a native of Marlborough, Massachusetts, but she was born in Athens county.

Mr. Hibbard married Miss Green July 30, 1829, in Athens

county, and five children, Jason R., Caroline S., Susan A. and twins, Edgar M. and Oscar S. were born there, and Edgar, dying in infancy was buried in Athens county. It was in the winter time, early in 1838, that the family left Athens county, traveling by wagon to seek its home in the north country. They came into this Indian inhabited wilderness upon the invitation of Ambrose Rice, an uncle to Mrs. Hibbard, who was a government surveyor in the new country. Treasured as heirlooms in the family today are the chain and compass used by him in the original survey of much of the wild land in northwestern Ohio.

The Indian trails were the only avenues of travel through the "oak openings" when, February 4, 1838, this pioneer family reached its destination in the almost totally unbroken wilderness. Conditions have changed in the cycle of the years, and the well developed farmsteads of Fulton county are the result of the efforts of the pioneers, the men and the women who blazed the trail for the present day civilization in Fulton county. In her journal Mrs. Hibbard wrote: "The country here is so level that when a fire spreads in the dry leaves and grass we can see it in an unbroken line to a great distance, uninterrupted to view except by the trunks of intervening trees," and here the family lived to witness the onward march of civilization.

When this pioneer father and mother and their four children were safely ensconced in their two-room log house they soon established friendly relations with the few remaining Indians, and here were born children as follows: Charles M., who lived but one year; the next child was named Charles A., and soon after the family had moved into a more commodious log house there were the following children: Francis E., Marie A., Daniel I., Ellen L. and Edward M. There were ten who reached adult years, although at the time of the interview, in 1919, only three: Marie A., Daniel I., and Ellen L., survive,

After many years of absence as educators the Misses Marie and Ellen Hibbard have again taken up their residence in Spring Hill, the environment of their early family history. Daniel I. Hibbard is a resident of Benton Harbor, Michigan. While the name Hibbard does not occur often in the Fulton county directory today, it has been inscribed many times on the imperishable granite in Spring Hill Cemetery. In this God's acre are six generations of the Hibbard family, while there are four generations among the living in Fulton county today. The Rev. Elisha Hibbard, who had come to visit his son, died and lies buried, carrying the dead back one generation in local history. It is the exception when an Ohio family looks backward farther than forward over the generations that comprise its history. Is there another instance of it in Fulton county?

There has always been a high educational standard, there having been four generations of teachers in the Hibbard family. Miss Marie A. Hibbard was a principal for many years in the Toledo public schools, while Miss Ellen L. Hibbard was one of the founders, the first principal and for twenty-five years a teacher in the New England Deaconess Training School, which is now the department of religious education in Boston University. Daniel I. Hibbard is a chemist and a man of varied business accomplishments and resources.

Members of the Hibbard family have always been identified with

agriculture, professional and mercantile life, and in the family there has always been an inclination to literary pursuits, the mother having kept a journal through all the years of her womanhood. The daughters have drawn from it in detailing this family history today. The father was an editor and a frequent newspaper contributor, and two daughters, Caroline and Susan, were frequent writers both in verse and story. The Misses Hibbard themselves have committed many facts to paper and have prepared much copy for publication.

The politics have been republican since the organization of the party. The first local election, August 7, 1843, was held in the home of M. D. Hibbard. Mr. Hibbard was the first auditor of Fulton county, and his son, Jason R. Hibbard, who succeeded him, filled the office five successive terms. The official records of the county show the handwriting of father and son in official capacity, something not duplicated in local history.

The family has always been divided in its church affiliation, and there have been many ministers in the Hibbard family ancestry. In the immediate family there have been Presbyterians, Universalists, Methodists and Christians, and some have supported the different churches without having united with them. As a family they have been strong anti-slavery advocates and temperance agitators—always ready to espouse the question of the day when it means the weal of the community. The first temperance lecture heard in what is now Fulton county was delivered July 24, 1842, by the Rev. Elisha Hibbard in the home of his son, Mortimer D. Hibbard. In her journal of that date Mrs. Hibbard wrote: "There were about one hundred present."

At the home of the speaker, Rev. Elisha Hibbard, in Athens county there was a station on the famous Underground Railway through Ohio, and he was an apostle of reform in everything. From the days of Miles Standish of Plymouth, when John Cary served in his army, there has been a strong spirit of patriotism in evidence in the family, and the Misses Hibbard representing the family at Spring Hill today long ago established their membership in the patriotic society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, through the war records of five Revolutionary soldier ancestors. Their grandfather, the Rev. Elisha Hibbard, who lies buried at Spring Hill, was a soldier in the second war with England, and while there was no family representation in the Mexican war, Mortimer D. Hibbard, who was past the age for active service in the Civil war, qualified in the Quartermasters' Department at Lexington, Kentucky, and thus he had his part in the great conflict between the North and the South. Two of his sons, Charles A. and Francis E., were soldiers in Company I, Sixty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Veteran Infantry, both having served three full years and remained until the end of the war.

While none of the immediate Hibbard family served in the Spanish-American war, three great-grandsons of M. D. Hibbard, Christopher M. Ott, who September, 1919, was a lieutenant in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, and Charles A. Ott, who received the necessary military training for overseas service, and Lloyd E. Hibbard, who enlisted as a marine, but was detained in camp at Paris Island off the coast of South Carolina as a coach on a rifle range because of his expert marksmanship, these young Americans all had their part in the war of the nations. While the spirit of patriotism has stirred the whole country in its different wars, there

has been military response from each generation from the time of the Revolution down to the World war. There is no question about patriotism in the House of Hibbard in America.

In the way of genealogy the history of the Hibbard family has been given attention through its different branches and ramifications, and in the library at the home of the Misses Hibbard are many volumes tracing their ancestry back through hundreds of years. While it dates back to the first half of the seventeenth century in the New World, it runs much further into the past in Welsh, Scotch, English and French history. The name Hibbard will go down in history in connection with the development of Fulton county as well as in the annals of other communities.

Clark A. Robinson. There are few farmers of southern Fulton county who have met with more encouraging success here than Clark A. Robinson, one of those strong, sturdy characters who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the community and township in which he resides, being a modern agriculturist and progressive in all that the term implies.

Clark A. Robinson, who operates a fine old farm of 110 acres in Clinton Township, was born near his present farm on January 10, 1877, and is the son of George W. and Sarah (Edington) Robinson, through whom he inherits sterling old Yankee blood. His paternal grandfather, George W. Robinson, lived and died in Wayne county, Ohio. George W. Robinson, the father, came to Fulton county from Wayne county and settled on the present homestead, where he created a fine farm and established a home, and has resided ever since. He is now seventy-seven years old and is living retired. He has also been successful as an agriculturist and is held in high repute in his community.

The subject of this sketch attended the schools of Clinton Center until nineteen years of age, after which he followed agricultural pursuits on his own account, renting several farms during the subsequent years up to 1913, when he took charge of the maternal farmstead and now farms the Robinson home place as well as the Edington homestead. He carries on general farming operations, in which he exercises sound judgment and excellent discrimination and enjoys the reputation of being thoroughly up-to-date and progressive in all his work.

In 1899 Mr. Robinson was married to Chloe E. Walters, a daughter of George W. and Ruth (Fieldmire) Walters, of Tedrow, and their union resulted in the birth of six children, namely: Homer Lisle, George W., Opal Gertrude, Mary Aline, Clark Eugene and Edward Dale.

Mr. Robinson has always given his support to the republican party and has been an active worker in the party ranks, having served as a member of the county committee from Clinton Township. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. A man of generous impulses and genial disposition, Mr. Robinson easily makes friends and enjoys the confidence and regard of all who know him.

Harmon and George Van Pelt, brothers and joint owners and operators of a good farming property of 130 acres in Clinton Township of Fulton county, Ohio, are well-known Fulton county men, representative of the more responsible of Fulton county agricultur-

ists. They are the sons of Jacob and Matilda (Kline) Van Pelt, and belong to a family which has had honorable record in Ohio for three generations, and national record through their father, who was a veteran of the Civil war.

The Van Pelt family is of German origin, but has been in the United States for many generations, colonial records of the State of Pennsylvania authenticating the settlement of the family in that state in early colonial days. Jacob Van Pelt, grandfather of Harmon and George, however, was the first of the family to enter Ohio, he being among the early settlers of Freedom Township, Henry county, where he and his son cleared an extensive acreage of timber land. His son Jacob, father of Harmon and George, grew to manhood in Freedom Township, and comes into notable record through his personal services to the nation and the Union as a soldier during the Civil war. He was a man of strong characteristics and manly personality, and was much respected in his home district. Apart from his war service he spent his life almost wholly in Henry county, and for the greater part of his life farmed industriously and with good success. He died in 1907, and his obsequies were marked by ceremonies which emphasized the respect in whiczh he was held by the residents of Freedom Township, and by his Civil war comrades.

Harmon and George Van Pelt, sons of Jacob and Matilda (Kline) Van Pelt, were both born in Freedom Township, Henry county, and attended the district schools of that township until about sixteen years of age; and both after leaving school took active part in the tilling of the home farm. In 1900 their birthplace was sold, and the brothers then came into Fulton county and purchased the farm of 130 acres in Clinton Township upon which they have since lived. They have proved themselves to be men of responsibility, worthy character, and commendable public spirit. They have by industriousness and enterprise had good returns season by season from the cultivation of their farm, and have never shirked the labors in connection therewith. Their farming has been of the general character, and they have entered somewhat extensively into stock raising. Also they have been apt in adopting to good advantage many of the modern methods of scientific farming. They are holding their property in first-class condition, and have much improved it since they first entered into possession. Politically both are republican in allegiance, although neither has very actively concerned himself with politics. They of course follow local public movements with interest, but they have never had any inclination to follow national politics with a view to office. They have preferred to remain industrious, hard-working and honest-thinking citizens and producers. And they have probably given better service to their home district and to the nation in that capacity. They certainly did during the strenuous years of the war, when world famine placed such reliance upon American farmers for foodstuffs.

Harmon Van Pelt married April 11, 1903, Martha, daughter of Henry and Lavine (Lenhart) Berner, of York Township, Fulton county. They have one child, James Parmenton. The brothers have very many friends in Clinton Township, and are generally well-regarded.

Cortland Andrew Knapp, a retired farmer, an esteemed and public-spirited resident of Delta, and active in many phases of pub-

lic affairs in Fulton county, Ohio, has a good record of successful enterprise and helpful and unselfish public service. He has manifested much capability in public office, and marked ability as an organizer. He is the president of the Fulton County Farm Bureau, and its success may be attributed in great measure to his enthusiastic, onerous and effective organizing labors during its uncertain early days. Mr. Knapp has an enviable reputation both in private and public life. He is a consistent and earnest church worker, an elder of the local church of the Presbyterian denomination.

Cortland A. Knapp was born in Wellington, Lorain county, Ohio, December 13, 1862, the son of Orson A. and Mary (Hocomb) Knapp, the former having been born in Rochester, Lorain county, Ohio, and the latter near Lodi, Medina county, Ohio. The Knapp family is one of the colonial American families, and in early generations lived in West Webster of New York State. The grandparents of Cortland A. Knapp, John and Mary (Welcher) Knapp, were born in New York State, but were early settlers in Lorain county, Ohio, where John Knapp acquired a tract of land and lived a pioneering life. Their son Orson was reared in Lorain county, and there he married, soon afterward enlisting in the Eighth Ohio Light Artillery. He was one of those patriots who made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the Civil war. He was wounded and placed in a field hospital at Bridgeport, Alabama, where he succumbed to his wounds. The only child of Orson A. and Mary (Hocomb) Knapp was Cortland A., who was only six years old when his mother married again. Her second husband was Herman Miller, who brought the boy and his mother to Delta, Fulton county, after the marriage, and from that time forward Cortland A. Knapp has lived in Fulton county. His stepfather had a farm near Delta, and provided a comfortable home for his stepson, who was given a good education. He attended the elementary and high schools of Delta, later attending the Northwestern Ohio University at Ada, Ohio. He was a school teacher at the age of eighteen years, and when twenty-one years old, in 1883, bought the home farm in York Township, a place of seventy-seven acres upon which much virgin timber stood, and upon much of the supposedly cleared land of which stood the tree stumps, the farm therefore being not an easy one to work. Young Knapp was a man of strong purpose, and had much of the spirit of the pioneer, and in course of time he cleared the farm of all timber as well as of the stumps, thereafter having a property that paid well for cultivating. By skilful farming and persistent application to what labor it entailed Mr. Knapp prospered well, and was able to build substantial, modern buildings. He resided on the farm, and showed much enterprise in his farming, maintaining a large dairy and entering extensively into cattle and hog raising. In 1911 he retired from farming and moved into Delta, where he bought a fine residence, with most of the modern conveniences that add to residential comfort, and some conveniences that are unusual, if not unique. The illuminant in Mr. Knapp's house is electricity, but he could have gas if he wished, obtaining the supply from his own well upon the property; as a matter of fact, his gas well supplies him with all that is needed for heating purposes. He still owns the farming property of ninety-eight acres, and also some residential property in the City of Wauseon, but for practically the last decade he has not actively followed farming, having placed his farm in charge of his son. So

that he has been free to give much of his time to public affairs. He has given especially good service to the Department of Agriculture and to the Fulton county agriculturists by his skilled handling of the early organization work of the Fulton County Farm Bureau, of which he was president. It will be generally conceded that the standing of the bureau today has been mainly because of the indefatigable persistence of Mr. Knapp in his advocacy of its value to the agriculturists of the county. And during the recent war Mr. Knapp did much useful patriotic work in furthering the cause of the government and the wish of the administration that American farmers should strain every nerve to bring about an abnormal yield of foodstuffs to defeat the threatened exhaustion of allied peoples through famine, which was the natural outcome of the long period of devastating warfare, with its drain upon the manpower which normally would be exerted in the tilling of the soil. The part played by the farmers of America in the final victorious ending of the war is generally known and has a definite place of honor in national annals; and it was brought about by the efforts of such an organization as that of which Mr. Knapp was the president during the period of national stress. He also entered whole-heartedly into the various drives to ensure the adequate subscription of the war funds.

Politically Mr. Knapp is a republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, belonging to the Octavius Chapter and the local Blue Lodge of the former, as well as to the Eastern Star organization, of which his wife also is a member. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, and for many years has been elder of the local church.

On January 1, 1884, he married Agnes Goodwin, daughter of Thomas and Marguerita (Keene) Goodwin, of Milan, Erie county, Ohio. She comes of English ancestry, her father having been born in Newchurch, England, although her mother was a native of Erie county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are the parents of four children: Lowell F., who is now responsible for the home farm, and is proving himself a man of commendable steadiness; Ethel May, who married R. R. Reighard, of Delta, Ohio; Thomas Herman, who is at home with his parents; and Evelyn, who died in May, 1911, at the age of sixteen years.

Fred E. Brodbeck. The name Brodbeck harks back to Wurtemberg, Germany, the birthplace of John Brodbeck, the father of Fred E. Brodbeck of Amboy. He was born February 8, 1858, and is a son of John and Mary (Myers) Brodbeck. She was born in Sandusky county. John Brodbeck came as a young man to Toledo and worked as a day laborer, but he saved his money and in time he owned and operated a brick yard in Toledo. In 1860 he located in Amboy, buying eighty acres in the timber and clearing it. He built a plank house when most of the settlers were living in log cabins in the new country.

As he improved the farm Mr. Brodbeck bought forty acres adjoining, and later he bought an eighty and still another eighty and he owned a fine farm when he left it to end his days in Metamora. He was born in Germany December 10, 1830, and died January 5, 1914, in Metamora. Mrs. Brodbeck was born April 13, 1836, in Sandusky county, and she died August 25, 1919, in Toledo. Their children are: Fred E. Brodbeck, Charles, deceased at the

age of four years; Augustus, of Metamora; Josephine, wife of John W. Shaw, of Toledo; and Frank E., of Amboy.

On February 3, 1881, F. E. Brodbeck married Altha Dennis. She is a daughter of Alpheus and Sarah (Stahl) Dennis. She was born in Huron county, but her father was from Massachusettss and her mother from Ashland county. They settled in Amboy on an eighty Mr. Brodbeck had purchased from his father. There were log buildings and about twenty-five acres of cleared land and the rest in timber. He finished clearing the land and added to it until he now has 156 acres with up-to-date farm buildings on it. In 1895 Mr. Brodbeck built a brick house of nine rooms, and it has running water, furnace heat and electric lights. There is one daughter, Iva Dell, born June 4, 1886. She is the wife of Clarence Cash, of Amboy.

Since 1907, Mr. Brodbeck has been the republican member of the School Board in Amboy. For fourteen years he served as township trustee, and he helped organize the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Metamora. He is vice president and a member of the board of directors. He has been through all of the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875 of Metamora.

For sixty years therefore Mr. Brodbeck has been a resident of Fulton county. He grew up in the home of a well-to-do farmer, but his own efforts, directed independently for thirty years, have achieved results that make him easily one of the prominent men of Fulton county today. The large and productive farm, started with a nucleus of a clearing in the woods, his beautiful and elaborate rural home, his position as a banker, his disinterested public service in behalf of education and other public causes, constitute a record honorable to any man.

Stephen Ephraim Mann. Some of the ancestry of Stephen Ephraim Mann of Royalton were very early settlers in Fulton county. He was born March 28, 1870, and has always lived in Royalton. He is a son of Charles and Mary (Hinkle) Mann, the Hinkle family having been local pioneers. Ephraim Hinkle founded the Hinkle family in Royalton. Charles and Mary Mann lived on two different farms in Royalton, their son now living on one of them. The father died there in 1896, while the mother died in 1918. The children are: Stephen E., who was the oldest; Mariam, wife of Albert Edger, of Delta; Eugene of Royalton; and Orpha, deceased, who was the wife of Roy Disbrow.

On June 10, 1900, Mr. Mann married Katie Flint, of Lyons. She was born February 16, 1881, and is a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Vaughn) Flint. The father is a native of Massachusetts, while the mother was born in Missouri. After the death of his father, Charles Mann, S. E. Mann bought out the other heirs and thus came into possession of the home farm in Royalton. He has added many improvements. He has one son, Thomas. Mr. Mann votes the republican ticket. The family holds membership in the Disciples Church.

Warren Simeon Evers. The Evers family ancestry to which Warren S. Evers of Royalton belongs were very early settlers in Williams county. He was born there September 20, 1880, being a son of Joseph Danford and Louisa (Ritchey) Evers. The father was a native of Williams county, while the mother, an orphan

child, went there when she was two or three years old. Her parents died in Williams county. J. D. Evers and wife removed from Williams to Fulton county, where they bought a farm in Royalton. He died in 1894, and his wife married Oliver McLain and she lives in Wauseon.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Evers are: George F., of Lyons; Ella, wife of Jacob Hartman of Pike Township; William, of Pike Township; Charles Edward, of Morenci, Michigan; Warren S.; Rose, wife of Vitus Eberly, of Pike; and Estella, who died in infancy.

On February 5, 1902, W. S. Evers married Pearl, a daughter of Charles and Ida (Saeger) Hayes, of Pike Township. They lived four years on a farm in Pike Township, when they sold it and bought another improved farm, on which they lived four years, then spent one year in the town of Lyons. They then bought their present farm which was in the brush and he cleared and improved it. Mr. Evers lives on "The Big Bear Creek Farm," and he has it well improved and in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Evers was educated in the district school, and has served his community as a member of the School Board. In politics he is republican. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America of Lyons. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Evers are: June, Catharine, Ruth, Hazel, twins, Warren and Wilma, who died at the age of nine months, and Pauline.

Charles H. Keiser, who since 1908 has been a resident in and successful farmer of York Township, Fulton county, after having traveled extensively for seventeen years has reached a place of good regard among the people of that township. He has manifested a good public spirit since he has lived in the township, and an energy and enterprise that are commendable.

He was born in Whitley county, Indiana, February 16, 1881, the son of John and Agnes (Grubb) Keiser. His father was born in Columbia City, Whitley county, Indiana, and his mother in Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio. They were married in Indiana, and lived in Whitley county of that state until 1888, when they removed to a property near Warsaw, Kosciusko county, Indiana, where they have since lived. Their son Charles H. was educated in the public schools of Whitley and Kosciusko counties, Indiana, and when nineteen years of age he found employment with an excavating contractor. For fourteen years thereafter he worked on various contracts throughout the country, with the steam shovel and dredge, traveling through seventeen states during that period of profitable work. In 1908 he acquired a property of ninety acres of improved land in York Township, Fulton county, and from that time until he finally was able to live in the township, in 1915, he rented out the farm. From 1915 until March 1, 1919, he operated it himself, and those four years were successful ones, the property yielding him good returns in general farming, stockraising and dairying. He sold his farm in March, 1919, and purchased another of larger acreage. His new property, which is 160 acres in extent, is situated in section 35 of York Township, and is known as the Jonas Seymour farm. The whole acreage is well improved and in a high state of fertility; in fact, it is a worth-while agricultural property and equipped with adequate modern improvements. Mr. Keiser

will take possession in March, 1920. He has proved himself to be a citizen of whole-hearted loyalty, and a man of strong reliable principle.

In February, 1906, he married Mabel Frankforther, who was born in Henry county, Ohio, daughter of Martin and Jennie Frankforther, who were both also born in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Keiser have three children, sons, Robert, Raymond and Dale.

By political allegiance Mr. Keiser is a republican, although he has never actively interested himself in national political campaigns, at least, not with any office-seeking view.

ELZA DEAN FUNK. Individual enterprise, which is the just boast of the people of Ohio, is forcefully exhibited in the career of Elza D. Funk, one of the substantial farmers of Clinton Township, Fulton county. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and highly honored families in this locality, and his life record has been such as to elicit just praise from those who know him best.

Elza Dean Funk is the son of Festus and Frances Elizabeth (Dean) Funk, and was born on the old homestead farm where he now lives in Clinton Township in 1871. Originally the family came from Germany, the subject's paternal great-grandfather Funk having come from that country to the United States in an early day settling in Wayne county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. His son Jacob Funk, grandfather of the subject, moved to Fulton county and established his home about a half mile from the present homestead, and he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. as did his son Festus.

Elza Dean received a good practical education in the public schools at Clinton Center, where he attended until sixteen years of age. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until he had attained his majority, after which time he was employed as a farm hand by neighboring farmers. After his marriage in 1896 he rented a farm of 150 acres in Washington Township, Henry county, where he remained two years, moving then to a farm of 140 acres in Dover Township. In 1906 Mr. Funk bought his father's farm of 160 acres in Clinton Township, and has lived there ever since. He is a thoroughly practical farmer, up-to-date in his methods, and has been eminently successful in his vocation. He raises general crops and also gives considerable attention to the dairy business, having a herd of high-grade Holstein cattle.

In 1896 Mr. Funk was married to Alice Gertrude Stevens, the daughter of Charles L. and Hannah (Masters) Stevens, of Wauseon, and to them have been born the following children: Mary Ellen, the wife of Lawrence Keough, of Cleveland, and the mother of three children, Virginia May, Thelma Marie and Geraldine; Leda Lorine, of Akron, Ohio; Charles Harold, who died in 1914, at the age of two years.

Mr. Funk is an ardent supporter of the republican party and a member of the Grange. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church. His life has been a busy and successful one, and because of his excellent business ability, his industry and his commendable personal qualities he enjoys an enviable standing in the community.

JOHN GRIESINGER. Among the farmers of Fulton county who are engaged in upholding the prestige of this region in agricultural

matters is John Griesinger of Pike Township, who is successfully carrying on a general farming and dairy business. He was born in Fulton Township, this county, on April 3, 1868, a son of George W. and Mary Magdaline (McQuillin) Griesinger, natives of Pennsylvania and York Township, Fulton county, respectively. The paternal grandparents, Gotlieb Henry and Esther (Schultz) Griesinger, natives of Germany and Pennsylvania, respectively, were the earliest settlers of Fulton Township, Fulton county. They traded a barrel of fish, one of flour and a horse for forty acres of land, which the grandfather cleared and developed into a fine farm, to which he added so that at his death he owned over 300 acres of land, being for that time a wealthy man. The maternal grandparents were John M. and Mary Magdaline (Schlappi) McQuillin, of whom the grandmother was a native of Switzerland.

After their marriage George W. and Mary Griesinger settled in Fulton Township, where Mrs. Griesinger died at the birth of her twins Mary and John. Later George W. Griesinger was married to Lydia Seigle, and lived to be sixty-eight years old, dying in 1911. His children were as follows: Ada, who is Mrs. Eli Hamp, of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; and John and Mary, twins, of whom the latter died at the age of seventeen years; and eleven children by the second marriage.

John Griesinger grew up on his father's farm and attended the local schools. On April 4, 1889, he was married to Addie Westbrook, a daughter of George and Phebe (Williams) Westbrook, of whom the latter was a native of Swan Creek Township in this county. For the first two years after his marriage John Griesinger rented land in York Township, following which he moved to a 120-acre farm in Pike Township, where he lived for twenty years, and then bought it and forty acres additional, of which all but twenty-three acres of pasturage is under cultivation. He has rebuilt the barn that was on the property, erected a new one and other necessary buildings, and put in other improvements. When he took charge of the land about thirty acres were covered with stumps, which he took up, and owing to his efforts he now has one of the best farms in this part of the county. Here he carries on general farming and dairying, his herd averaging about twenty head of a good grade of milch cows. His new barn is one of the largest in Fulton county, and he also raises cattle, hogs, sheep and horses in addition to his other industries.

Mr. and Mrs. Griesinger became the parents of the following children: Lavern, who is Mrs. Arthur Shambarger, of Royalton Township; Marvin, who is a farmer of York Township; and Orra and Gladys, who are at home. Mr. Griesinger is a republican. He belongs to Delta Lodge No. 460, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, and has passed all of the chairs in the local order. He is entirely a self-made man, and has every reason to be proud of the result of his efforts, for not only has he achieved a somewhat remarkable success, but at the same time he has won and holds the confidence and respect of his neighbors, and is recognized as one of the representative men of his community.

Frank A. Geesey. A prominent and well known citizen of Archbold, Fulton county, is Frank A. Geesey, vice president of the Peoples State Bank and conducting a prosperous real estate and insurance business, a man who has led an eminently honorable and

useful life and achieved a marked degree of success. At the same time he has benefited the community of which he is a native, and in the business affairs of which he has for a number of years been a prominent factor.

Frank A. Geesey was born in German Township, Fulton county, on November 29, 1869, and is the son of William H. and Eliza (Wolverton) Geesey. He has inherited through his progenitors a mixture of Scotch, English and German blood. His paternal grandfather, Charles Geesey, came to German Township, Fulton county, during the formative period of this locality and cleared his own farm from the forests which then covered that locality. He was the father of nine children, of which number the subject's father was the third in order of birth. The latter was a farmer all his life and owned the same farm for fifty-five years. He was one of that historic band of California gold seekers who in 1849 made the long, tiresome and dangerous trip to that western Eldorado, in which he met with a fair degree of success. He now lives in West Unity, Ohio.

Frank A. Geesey secured his elementary education in the public schools at Edinburgh, later attending the high school at West Unity. Subsequently he attended the Wauseon Normal School, where he took a business course, and then finished his studies at the Fayette Normal School. Mr. Geesey then determined to try his luck in the mining regions of the west and went to Denver, Canyon City and Cripple Creek, Colorado, being the fifth man to pitch his tent in Cripple Creek. He continued to prospect there for three years, finding some gold, which he carefully saved, and would have remained there had not the death of his brother necessitated his return home. During the following year he operated the homestead farm of 100 acres, but at the end of that period he came to Archbold and opened a barber shop, which he ran for ten years. He was then appointed postmaster of Archbold by President McKinley, and so satisfactory was his administration of the office that he was reappointed by Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, serving fourteen years consecutively. His official record was one of which he has just reason to be proud, for he administered the office with the idea that he was there to serve the people to the best of his ability. He resigned the postmastership in order to engage in the real estate and insurance business, which has engaged his attention continuously since. He has handled a great deal of real estate and has gained a reputation of being an unusually good judge of land values. He is the agent for a number of the best fire insurance companies in the United States and the Home Life Insurance Company of New York, one of the biggest companies in the world. He is the owner of some fine farm land in this county and is also a stockholder in the Archbold Telephone Company. All that he possesses today has been gained entirely through his own unremitting efforts, and he enjoys a splendid reputation as a progressive and enterprising business man.

Mr. Geesey was married to Almeda Vernier, the daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Bourquin) Vernier, of Archbold. They are the parents of a daughter, Katherine L.

Politically Mr. Geesey is a stanch supporter of the republican party, and was a great admirer and supporter of Theodore Roosevelt. He rendered appreciated service as a member of the Archbold School Board for fourteen years and was clerk for ten years. Fra-

ternally he is a member of Lodge No. 349, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Napoleon, Ohio. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a man of ability, integrity and usefulness, and as citizen representative of the utmost loyalty, his life record is deserving of a place in this publication, which touches those who have given to and sustained the civic and material prosperity of the community embraced within the scope of this work.

William H. Maddox, M. D. Considering how helpless and despairing the average individual is in case of serious illness or accident and how dependent he is on the scientific help of physician or surgeon, it would seem that the profession to which they belong could not be held in higher esteem than that very generally accorded. But recent history has placed the medical men of the United States upon a yet higher pinnacle, for no previous record has shown greater personal sacrifices or more invaluable services than tells of many of those who hastened to the call of need when grim war involved the country. The stupendous work of organizing sufficient army medical corps for the great conflict with a remorseless enemy was only made possible by the hearty response of physicians and surgeons who hurried to lay their scientific knowledge on the altar of patriotism. Wauseon proudly cherishes the names of all her soldiers, and one who honored the medical profession in faithful service is Dr. William H. Maddox, who has been a valued resident of Wauseon for fifteen years and a leading general practitioner.

William H. Maddox was born at Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1872, and is a son of A. H. and Elizabeth (Hedrick) Maddox. The old family records show that four brothers of the name came to the American colonies in 1755, all being natives of England. One of these was Nathan, the great-great-grandfather of Doctor Maddox, and he settled in Loudon county, Virginia. From Virginia the great-grandfather, Michael Maddox, born in 1774, came to southern Ohio but later settled in Blackford county, Indiana, where he reared a family, marrying twice and having thirteen children. One of these, Daniel Maddox, grandfather of Doctor Maddox, spent the greater part of his life in Highland county, Ohio, a saddler by trade and a merchant. It was there that the father of Doctor Maddox was born. He developed important business connections at Cincinnati, and in the interests of large commercial houses visited all parts of the United States. His death occurred in February, 1918.

William H. Maddox completed the public school course at Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1889, and in 1890 entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the same year becoming a student in the medical department of the Ohio State University at Columbus, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898. After a year as interne in the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton he began medical practice at Tecumseh, Michigan, where he continued until 1905, when he located at Wauseon. Here he built up a large and lucrative practice as the result of medical knowledge. In answer to the call for trained medical men Doctor Maddox responded in June, 1917. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical corps and in August was ordered to Fort Benjamin Harrison, three months later being sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, and in August, 1918, to France with the medical corps of the Eighty-sixth Division, where

he was assigned to the Three Hundred and Forty-first Infantry, and after the Armistice, to Camp Hospital No. 41 at Is-sur-Tille. He was honorably discharged in July, 1919, having been promoted captain on November 16, 1917.

Doctor Maddox was married in 1899 to Miss Florence, a daughter of Cornelius M. and Sarah (Eldridge) Spring, of Tedrow, Ohio, and they have one son, William Rolland, who was born in 1901, and is a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University. Doctor Maddox and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political opinions early led to his affiliation with the republican party, and he has known personally some of its most distinguished leaders in his native state. He has never accepted any political office other than on the School Board on which he served six years, but the city has many times profited because of his distinterested services for her welfare. He belongs to professional bodies in county and state, and is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Mrs. Rosetta Hite is one of the progressive business women of Fulton county who is achieving an enviable reputation as a merchant at Zone in Franklin Township. She was born at Great Bend, Barton county, Kansas, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Olmstead) Bennett. The Bennett family is of Irish extraction, although it was founded in the United States many generations ago. The men of the family have been chiefly interested in agricultural pursuits, and have been ever ready to their country's call. Charles Bennett served four years in the Civil war.

Mrs. Hite attended the country schools of Fulton county and the Wauseon High School, and after completing the courses in the latter, taught school in different townships of Fulton county, becoming one of the best known educators in the country districts. In 1904 she was united in marriage with George H. Hite, a son of Samuel and Delia (Fink) Hite, and they became the parents of one son, Henry A., who is now fourteen years old. Mr. Hite died in July, 1918, aged forty-two years. In politics he was a republican, and fraternally, an Odd Fellow. Until January, 1918, he had been engaged in farming, but then sold his farm on account of failing health and moved to Delta, where he died.

With the death of her husband Mrs. Hite found it necessary to support herself and her son, and so came to Zone, opened a general store and from the start has been successful. Her experience as a teacher had given her insight into human nature, and she found her former experience, although of an entirely different character, of value to her in her new undertaking. She has been able to find out the tastes of her customers and supply what is wanted, and her stock is clean, timely and as low priced as is consistent with the prevailing market. Her pleasant, accommodating manner and efficient methods have made her many warm friends, and she has a trade that comes from a wide rural territory. She is not a member of church, but is in sympathy with any undertaking whose aim is the uplifting of humanity. Mrs. Hite is but one of many women who, when necessity demands it, have proven their worth to their community and developed real business ability which enables them to meet and overcome obstacles that to some might prove unconquerable. At the same time that she has been proving her right to be numbered among the worth-while citizens of the county, Mrs. Hite has won personal appreciation and stands very high among her neigh-

bors, who admire her courage, cheerfulness and sympathy with others in both their joys and their sorrows.

IRA W. DENNIS. There is a great deal to be said in favor of the man who early in life chooses his sphere of activity, and seldom if ever diverts his energies outside of it. This has been the case with Ira W. Dennis, one of the prosperous farm owners of Amboy Township. He is living today on the land where he was born, where he learned the lessons of good farming, and where he has been prospered according to his deserts.

The Dennis farm is in section 22 of Amboy Township. Mr. Dennis was born there February 1, 1864, son of Alpheus and Sarah (Stahl) Dennis. His father was a native of Connecticut and his mother of Ashland county, Ohio. The maternal grandfather, William Stahl, moved to Hillsdale county, Michigan, and he and his wife died there. Alpheus Dennis after his marriage settled on land in Amboy Township, cleared away the timber, ditched and drained it, and by further purchases owned a fine body of land 104 acres in extent and of unsurpassed fertility and productiveness. Alpheus Dennis died there May 27, 1898, and his wife on November 5, 1909. They have three children: Alta, Mrs. Fred Brodbeck, of Amboy Township; George, of York Township; and Ira W.

Ira W. Dennis has always lived on the farm where he was born. He went from his father's home to the neighboring district schools, and almost from his earliest recollections had some duty assigned him at the house and in the fields. Eventually he bought the interests of the other heirs in the place, and has much to show for his individual improvements. He and his wife occupy one of the most attractive bungalows in the country district of Fulton county. The house has electric lights, hot water heat, and all other conveniences usually found in a city residence. Mr. Dennis keeps about eighty acres under cultivation, while the rest is in timber and pasture. Along with general farming he has always kept some dairy stock.

Mr. Dennis has filled the chairs in Metamora Lodge No. 875 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a republican voter. May 15, 1897, he married Jennie Crockett. She was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, daughter of Willard and Hannah (Rice) Crockett. Her parents were also natives of Lenawee county.

JACKSON WAIDELICH. Though a native of Pennsylvania, Jackson Waidelich spent thirty years of his active career as a farmer in the great Illinois corn belt, and is one of a considerable colony of former Illinois farmers now found in Fulton county. Mr. Waidelich is still a farmer, owning a place of eighty acres in German Township, and spends much of his time during the growing seasons looking after his crops and his livestock.

Mr. Waidelich was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1850, a son of Christian and Kathrine (Fitler) Waidelich. His father when a young man came from Wurtemberg, Germany, and located in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. Soon after his marriage he moved to Ohio, his son Jackson at that time being seven months old. Christian Waidelich spent the rest of his life in Ohio. The son Jackson grew up on his father's farm in Pukaway county, Ohio, attended the country schools to the age of sixteen, but most of his schooling was acquired in the winter season, and his summers were spent in farm labors. On leaving the farm he

learned the wagon making trade, and followed it as his occupation for eight years.

On leaving Ohio Mr. Waidelich went to Vermilion county, Illinois, and in the district around Danville operated a farm on an increasingly successful scale for thirty years. On selling his Illinois land and property he was attracted to the particularly desirable lands in Fulton county, and in 1913 moved to the place of eighty acres he had bought in German Township. He has done much to improve his farm and increase its productiveness. He has also given his time freely in a public-spirited manner in supporting all matters of community benefit and general welfare.

Mr. Waidelich married Lavina Hoffman, daughter of Jonas and Emma (Fasnaugh) Hoffman of Fairfield county, Ohio. She died in 1884, the mother of six children, five of whom are still living. In 1888 Mr. Waidelich married a sister of his first wife, Mary Hoffman. To their marriage have been born four children, all still living. A brief record of the children of Mr. Waidelich is as follows: Clara is the wife of John Apple, of Champaign county, Illinois, and has five children. Emma is Mrs. William Bushmeyer, of Chatham, Ontario, and has two children. Nellie is the wife of Grant Henthorn, of Danville, Illinois, and their family consists of five children. Charles Elmer Waidelich died in June, 1917, at the age of twenty-seven, leaving his widow and three children at Danville, Illinois. William Edwin, thirty-five years of age is a resident of Danville, and is married and has two children. Frank Earl lives at Columbus, Ohio, and is the father of one child. Otis is twenty-two years of age and at home, and the younger children, all at home, are Vina Viola, Arthur Jackson, who was born in 1901, and John Wesley, born in 1903.

Mr. Waidelich is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge No. 754 at Ogden, Illinois.

William J. Spengler, sole proprietor of the general mercantile establishment at Elmira, is one of the dependable business men of Fulton county, and one who stands high in public opinion. He was born at Archbold, Ohio, on January 22, 1887, a son of Daniel M. and Minnie (Ruffer) Spengler, and a grandson of Herman Spengler. Coming to the United States when still a young man from his native land of Germany, the latter eventually came to Fulton county, locating on the Dave Merillat farm at Lauber Hill, and there he reared his family, farming and teaching his sons also to be farmers. Daniel M. Spengler, the father was actively engaged in farming until his retirement, at which time he and his wife moved to Elmira, Ohio. Mr. Spengler died April 12, 1920.

After attending the district schools William J. Spengler finally took a two years' course at the Wauseon High School. In order to prepare himself for a commercial life, he then attended the Metropolitan Business College at Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Spengler was car sweeper in the roundhouse of the railroad during the winter months, and in the summer worked on the farm. Later he was cashier for five years for the Detroit United Railway, and then for two years was car house foreman for the same company. Retiring from this position, Mr. Spengler, with his brother James Spengler, went into a garage business and remained in it for six months, when he sold his interest to his brother and established himself in his

present line, buying the store of B. M. Borton at Elmira on January 1, 1919. His trade comes to his store from a radius of ten miles, and he does a large business in poultry and eggs. Since becoming the owner of this store he has increased the volume of business in a normal and highly satisfactory way, and has won appreciation by his honorable methods and system of handling goods.

In 1914 Mr. Spengler was united in marriage with Miss Maude Sievert, a daughter of Frederick and Marie Sievert. Mr. and Mrs. Spengler have three children, namely: Margaret, William J. Jr., and Daniel F. With reference to public matters Mr. Spengler maintains an independent attitude, and votes as his judgment directs. He is a Blue Lodge Mason. A friend of the public schools, he is anxious to see them prosper, and he is also interested in all movements which have for their object the furtherance of the prosperity of his community and county.

Jacob F. Leininger is one of the extensive land owners and farmers in German Township, his home being on a rural delivery route from Archbold. In that district he has spent practically all his life, and his enterprise has reached out to touch a number of interests in his community and county, while his investments extend outside his native state.

Mr. Leininger operates a 200-acre farm under his personal supervision. He is owner of 315 acres in German Township, has ½ section of land in South Dakota, and 300 acres in another part of that state.

He was born on the home farm in 1862, son of Michael and Mary (Funkhouser) Leininger. He now owns eighty acres of his father's old homestead. He attended the district schools to the age of sixteen, and since then has been working for himself and owes to his industry and good management the prosperity he has acquired.

In 1893 Mr. Leininger married Elizabeth Rice, daughter of Henry and Eva Rice, of German Township. Their only child, a son, died in infancy. Mr. Leininger is an independent voter.

John Siegel. The late John Siegel, of German Township, was one of the hard-working and thrifty farmers of Fulton county, and a man who stood in high esteem among his neighbors, who often called upon him to represent their interests in local offices. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1844, a son of Jacob and Catherine Siegel. When he was eight years old the family moved from Wayne county to German Township, Fulton county, and his father continued his farming in the new section.

John Siegel grew up on the farm, and continued his education, begun in Wayne county, by attending the school at Archbold until he was fifteen years old, when his father's need for his services forced him to leave school. During the war between the states he gave his sympathy to the Union, and when twenty years of age enlisted in Company K, of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Cleveland, Ohio, from whence he was sent south and did his full duty as a soldier. He received his honorable discharge in 1865, and returned home.

For a time after his coming back from the war Mr. Siegel was on his father's farm, and then he and a brother opened a blacksmithing shop and and also made wagons, continuing in this line

of business for three years, and handling an excellent local trade Following his marriage Mr. Siegel spent three years on the homestead, and then in 1872, bought the farm still owned by his widow, which contains eighty acres of land, and he also bought eighty acres in Williams county. A practical farmer, Mr. Siegel knew how to make his land pay him a good return for the labor expended upon it, and he was engaged in its cultivation until he died, on Friday, December 26, 1912. A strong republican, he was elected on his party ticket to membership on the School Board, and to a number of the township offices. Not only was he an earnest member and worker of the Methodist Church, but he served the local congregation as trustee. For a number of years he was active in the Archbold Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1868 Mr. Siegel was united in marriage with Elizabeth Naftzeger, a daughter of John D. and Philipina Naftzeger, who lived near Archbold, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Siegel became the parents of eight children, two of whom are deceased, the six surviving being five sons and one daughter, namely: John, Foster, Levi, Peter, Minnie and Joseph.

With the exception of one year spent at Archbold, Mr. Siegel lived out his life on his farm, and is remembered very kindly in his old neighborhood as a man of strength of character and great kindness of heart. His widow is still living on the old farm, and is accounted one of the public-spirited women of the township, where her many virtues have gained her respectful affection from those who are brought in contact with her. The children have grown up to be a credit to their parents and neighborhood, and are aiding in adding to the good reputation of the name in Fulton county.

Adam Schirenk, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, is a native of Fulton county, and comes of a family which has had residence in the county for very many years.

He was born in Archbold, German Township, in 1879, the son of Anthony and Barbara (Imthurn) Schrenk. The former was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, but came to America in early manhood, and as a young man settled in Archbold, where for six years he followed the trade of carpenter. In 1873 he bought the farm of seventy-two acres in German Township now owned and occupied by his son Adam. Anthony Schrenk died in 1917, in German Township. He was a man of sterling character, and gained general respect among his neighbors. A capable and hard-working tradesman, he also proved himself to be a good and industrious farmer, and throughout his life in America was a responsible resident.

Adam, son of Anthony and Barbara (Imthurn) Schrenk, in his boyhood attended the district school No. 15, which was the nearest public school to his home. He continued to attend school until he was fifteen years old, but, like most sons of farmers in Ohio, in his youth he had for some years before leaving school done much work on the home farm, especially during the long summer vacations. He stayed at home assisting his father in the work of the parental farm until he was twenty-one years old, but for the succeeding nine years he worked for neighboring farmers, at the end of which time he returned to his home and managed the farm for his father until the latter died in 1911. In the following year Adam

was able to buy the farm outright from the other heirs, and since that time he has very thoroughly and generally with good success worked the property. His farming is of a general character, to which the land is suited, and in the raising of cattle and in dairying he has had good return for the strenuous labor it called for.

Politically Adam Schrenk is independent; by religious conviction he is a member of the Apostle Church, and he is a man of honorable life and good public spirit. He is closely interested in all that pertains to his native township, and has in the past cooperated in many worthy local undertakings of public or civic character. During the recent war he demonstrated that he is an American of whole-hearted patriotism, and in many practical ways aided the national cause.

In 1900 he married Setta Schlatter, daughter of John and Magdalen (Beer) Schlatter, well-known residents in German Township. Mr. and Mrs. Schrenk are the parents of three children, Ruth Hilda, Esther Sarah and Emanuel Paul. The last named is now fourteen years old.

Elias Schenk, well-known in Archbold and vicinity in connection with consequential building contracts, and since 1913 independently established as a building contractor, with offices in Archbold, is a native of Fulton county, and comes of a family long associated with the development of German Township. He is an enterprising and able business man, and has quite recently come into local prominence as the main factor in the organization of the Acme Level Company, a local manufacturing enterprise from which much good to the town of Archbold may result.

He was born in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1881, the son of Anton and Barbara Schenk. He was reared on the homestead of the Schenk family in that township, and as a boy attended the district school at Bush Creek, giving much time during vacations and before and after school hours to minor tasks in connection with the operation of the home farm of eighty acres. He left school at the age of eighteen years, and for the next seven gave the whole of his time to his father, and to agricultural duties upon the home estate in German Township. When he was twenty-five years old he came into Archbold, learned carpentry, and for some years worked at that trade for Archbold contractors. In 1913 he became established in independent business as a builder and contractor, and since that time has maintained himself to good advantage in an independent contracting business. His work has been of high standard, and his contracts have been marked by a technical knowledge and a desire to adhere in spirit as well as in letter to the written contract. He has consequently given general satisfaction in his work, and is considered to be one of the reliable contractors of the county. He is an executive of marked ability, and is coming to the fore as a man of consequential affairs. Recently he organized the Acme Level Company, the main purpose of which corporation is to enter into the manufacture of spirit levels and other tools. The plant is in its infancy, but there are indications that it may become a consequential industry of Archbold.

Mr. Schenk is, as yet, a comparatively young man in business, and of necessity has had to devote most of his time to the development and solid establishment of his business enterprises, but he has upon occasion shown that he possesses good public spirit, and

that his connection with Archbold promises to be that of a helpful, responsible resident and producer. He is unmarried, and politically is a democrat. Personally he is well-regarded, being of strong personality and steady life.

JOHN EDWARD DURBIN, who for more than twenty years has been a responsible resident and substantial farmer in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, is a native of Henry county, Ohio, and his parents were among the early settlers of that county. He was born November 26, 1868, the son of Perry and Elizabeth (Harmon) Durbin, who lived in Henry county until 1899, when they moved with their son John Edward into Fulton county, father and son having jointly bought a farming property of forty acres, all improved land, in York Township. Three years afterward, however, Mrs. Elizabeth (Harmon) Durbin died, but her husband lived for a further fifteen years, his demise not occurring until May 4, 1913. During the time they resided in York Township they both made many sincere friends, and were considered worthy neighbors. Their children were: Nettie, who married Elias Detrich, and lives in Michigan; William, who is comfortably established in Napoleon, Ohio; John Edward, of York Township, and of whom more follows; Jennie Elizabeth, who is the widow of Jacob Ulch, of Wauseon, Ohio; and Effie, who married Charles Warner, of Toledo, Ohio.

John Edward Durbin, third child of Perry and Elizabeth (Harmon) Durbin, attended public schools of Henry county. After his schooling was at an end, he applied himself diligently to farming in association with his father, and in the spring of 1893 married. For three years after this important event in his life had been solemnized he and his wife lived with his parents, he continuing to assist his father in the management and operation of the parental acres. Then, temporarily, father and son became separated, the son having rented another farm in Henry county. He only farmed it for two years, however, and in the spring of 1899 joined his father in purchasing an improved property of forty acres in York Township, Fulton county, to which they then removed, and where John Edward and his family have since resided. John Edward continued to be a business partner with his father in the York Township farm until the latter's death in 1913, soon after which sad event he acquired from the other heirs his father's portion of the farm, and since that time he has conducted it independently. As a matter of fact, he had been conducting it almost solely since they first took up the place, for his father was becoming more and more enfeebled as he advanced in age. However, it must be a comfort to the son to realize that he remained with his parents until their deaths, and that their last years were passed in comparative comfort.

John Edward Durbin has been an industrious and able farmer, and has had, generally, good success in dairying and stockraising. He has not entered much into public life, but has been a loyal republican for many years, and during the recent war proved in many ways that he was a whole-hearted patriot.

On March 9, 1893, he married Arminda March, who was born in Henry county, Flat Rock Township, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Chester) March. Mr. and Mrs. Durbin have four children, all of whom have remained at home. The children in

order of birth are Victoria, Hazel, Archie and Polly. They have also another member of their household who might almost be considered their son, Donald Steward, son of Mrs. Durbin's sister. He was born in 1909, and has lived with his aunt and uncle almost since birth, and is now developing into a sturdy, bright boy.

Theodore Dinius, a native of Fulton county, and of one of the pioneer families of the county, lived for the greater part of his active farming life in the State of Indiana. But his widow and daughter have returned to the county, and possess good farming property therein, so that this record should properly have place in the present history of Fulton county, especially having regard to the fact that Mrs. Dinius also comes of one of the pioneer families of the county.

Theodore Dinius was born in Pike Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on June 8, 1858, the son of Adam and Carlona (Todd) Dinius, the former a native of Stark county, Ohio, and the latter of New Hampshire birth. The parents of Theodore Dinius were married in Stark county, Ohio, but soon took up a tract of undeveloped land in Pike Township, Fulton county, where their son Theodore was born, and where he grew to manhood. He was educated in the district school nearest to his parents' farm, and during his school days did much to help his father in his pioneering work. Eventually, having passed through the grades of the district school, and it being impossible for him to pursue a more advanced course of academic studies, Theodore settled down to industriously assisting his father in the work of the home farm. When he was twenty-eight years old, on November 24, 1888, he married Laura Harmon, who was born in Pike Township, the daughter of David and Barbara (Steele) Harmon, early settlers in Fulton county. Her father, David Harmon, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and her mother in Ashland county, Ohio, so that in paternal and maternal descent she comes of early Ohio families. Her parents soon after marriage took up residence in Pike Township, where her father bought a tract of seventy-three acres, which many years afterward she herself acquired by purchase from the other heirs of the estate. She was educated in Pike Township schools, and soon after her marriage to Theodore Dinius she went with her husband to Indiana, he having bought a farm in DeKalb county of that state. There they made their home for seventeen years, and there their children were born. Theodore Dinius died on February 16, 1904, and soon afterward his widow returned to Fulton county, and bought a farm near Delta, York Township. Four years later her eldest child, a manly youth just blossoming into self-reliant, promising manhood, died, and five years later, in 1913, her father died, soon after which misfortune she sold the farm she owned near Delta, and upon which she and her children had lived since 1904, as she wished to remove to the old homestead of her family in Pike Township. She purchased the property, which is seventy-three acres in extent, from the other heirs, and has lived thereon since that time. She holds herself responsible for the operation of the farm, hiring help and being able to get satisfactory returns in general farming and dairying. She does this not from necessity, for she has means sufficient for her and her daughter's needs, but because she prefers to live on the old homestead, which being agricultural land must of course receive attention with the seasons. Theodore and Laura (Harmon)

Dinius were the parents of three children, two of whom, however, are now deceased. The children in the order of their birth were: Harmon, who died in 1908, at the age of nineteen years; Floyd, who died at the age of four years; and Lola, who is the only surviving child. She has remained with her mother.

Mrs. Dinius has many friends in Fulton county, and is esteemed for her kindly nature and good neighborliness.

Ezra Joseph Gottschalk. In touching upon the life history of Ezra J. Gottschalk, a well known citizen of Clinton Township, Fulton county, the writer aims to avoid fulsome encomium and extravagant praise; yet he desires to hold up for consideration those facts which have shown the distinction of a true, useful and honorable life—a life characterized by perseverance, energy and well defined purpose. To do this will be but to reiterate the dictum pronounced upon the man by the people among whom he lives.

Ezra Joseph Gottschalk is a native son of Ohio, having been born near Napoleon, Henry county, in 1890, and is the son of German parents, his father having come to this country in young manhood. In 1892 the family removed to German Township, Fulton county, removing again in 1897 to Clinton Township and finally, in 1899, to the farm now operated by Ezra Gottschalk. The subject received his educational training in the common schools of his home neighborhood, which he attended until sixteen years of age. Thereafter until twenty years of age he worked for his father on the home farm, but at the age mentioned he entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company as a locomotive fireman, having a freight run between Toledo, Ohio, and Decatur, Illinois, and working out from Peru, Indiana. He remained so employed until 1915, when he came to Wauseon, Ohio, and entered the employ of his brother as an automobile mechanician. In April, 1919, Mr. Gottschalk moved to the homestead farm, to the operation of which he has since devoted himself, with splendid results. The farm comprises 140 acres of splendid, fertile land, on which he raises general crops. The place is well improved with a good set of farm buildings, the general appearance of the place being a credit to its owner.

In November, 1911, Mr. Gottschalk was married to Blanche Foster, the daughter of Daniel and Henrietta (Green) Foster, of Wauseon. They are the parents of two children, Earl V. and Howard Virgil.

Mr. Gottschalk gives his political support to the republican party, though he does not take an active part in public affairs. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church. Mr. Gottschalk possesses those qualities which have commended him to the favor of all who know him, and he is numbered among the successful and progressive farmers of his section of the county.

Clarence R. Krauss. In all that constitutes true manhood and good citizenship Clarence R. Krauss, a well known farmer of Clinton Township, Fulton county, is a strong example, and none stands higher than he in the esteem and confidence of the community. A thoroughly practical and industrious farmer, he has achieved a satisfactory degree of success and is numbered among the progressive citizens of his township.

Clarence R. Krauss is the scion of one of the pioneer families of Fulton county and has spent practically his entire life here. He

was born in German Township in 1886, but attended the schools of Swan Creek Township until eleven years of age, when the family moved to the present homestead farm in Clinton Township, where he completed his education in the Lena School. When nineteen years of age he was employed as a stationary engineer in the plant of the Wauseon Electric Light Company, where he remained for one winter, and then, for three years he served in a like capacity for the Naomi Elevator Company at Naomi, Ohio. He then returned to the home farm, on the retirement of his father, and has since been engaged in its operation, in which he has met with a very gratifying degree of success. Persistent industry and good management have been contributing elements to his success, and he enjoys an excellent reputation in the community as an enterprising and progressive farmer. His farm, which comprises eighty acres of land, is well improved and is devoted to general farming operations.

In 1908 Mr. Krauss was married to Lola First, the daughter of Silas and Mary (Hoffmire) First, and they are the parents of two children, Tressa Lenore and Merle Wayne.

Politically Mr. Krauss is independent, reserving the right to vote for the men whom he believes best fitted for office regardless of party line. He is a member of the Bethel Christian Union Church and consistently gives his support to all worthy movements for the welfare of the community. A man of genial disposition, he easily wins friends and enjoys a marked popularity in the locality in which he lives.

John H. Schultz, who has lived practically the whole of his life on the farm he now owns and operates in German Township, Fulton county, is one of the responsible, successful agriculturists of the county. He has lived a life of hard, industrious toil, and by well-directed farming has reached good success. He has been in useful production since early manhood, and has nevertheless taken good part in the public responsibilities of his township.

He was born in 1868, upon the farm in German Township to which his father had removed in 1865. His father, Frederick Schultz, was a Prussian by birth, but had come to the United States when he was seventeen years old. He settled in Napoleon Village, Henry county, Ohio, where for some years he found employment on the Wabash Railway as brakesman. He was a railroad employe for eight years, after which he learned the trade of mason, which he followed in Napoleon and elsewhere for the greater part of his life. He married Caroline Leininger, of a well-known German Township, Fulton county, family, and in 1865 acquired a farm of 142 acres in that township. For the greater part of his life he followed his trade, the farm being operated by his sons. There were seven children born to Frederick and Caroline (Leininger) Schultz, four daughters and three sons, among the latter being John H., who now owns the family estate in German Township.

John H. in his boyhood attended district school No. 14, continuing to go to school until he was nineteen years old. He was then quite a sturdy young man, and had for many years been accustomed to doing much of the minor tasks connected with the operation of the home farm, and taking part in many of the major operations, especially during the long summer vacations. So that when he left school at the age of nineteen years and took industriously to farming the paternal acres he was not a novice. He was

conversant with most of the operations of farming life, and as the years passed and he continued to steadily take more and more consequential part in the management of the home farm there came a time, in 1906, when the farm passed by purchase wholly to him. Since that time he has occupied the old Schultz homestead and tilled the 104 acres year by year to good advantage.

Politically he is a democrat. He has not taken very active interest in national political campaigns, but in local affairs he has throughout his life taken a close interest, but has not shown any desire to seek office. He has been ready to co-operate in any way possible in any local movement that promised some benefit to the community, and during the recent trying time of war he made his loyal citizenship quite manifest. As a church worker he has been earnest and useful. He is by religious conviction a Lutheran, a member of the local church of that denomination, and in the work of that church and its upkeep he has taken good part, being now the leading deacon.

Mr. Schultz is in enviable repute in German Township, both as a farmer and as a reliable resident and neighbor. His private life has been estimable. He married in 1894, Louisa, daughter of Frederick and Dorothy (Schultz) Lienau, of Ridgeville Township, Henry county, Ohio. Two children have been born to them, both sons, Walter L. and Russel F.

Jacob Storrer, a native of German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and of a family which has had residence in the county for more than seventy years, has of late years been farming 190 acres of agricultural land, partly his own, and some portion of it belonging to his aged father, in German Township. He is known in the township as a man of commendable personal habits, as an enterprising and reliable farmer, and as a helpful, well-disposed neighbor.

Jacob Storrer was born in German Township on May 20, 1871, the son of John and Margaret (Shank) Storrer. The Storrer family is of Swiss origin, John Storrer, father of Jacob, having been born in the canton of Schauffhausen, Switzerland, from which part of Switzerland so many of the stalwart pioneer settlers of Fulton county, Ohio, came. John Storrer was twenty years old when he came to America in 1858, accompanied by his sister and a cousin. They had very little money, probably only the sum necessary to gain admittance to the United States, and by the time they had reached Toledo that sum had been liquidated. John Storrer found it necessary to borrow money to enable him to continue the journey on to Fulton county, where he and his sister settled in Franklin Township. For twelve months after his arrival he worked as a carpenter for his uncle, Sebastian Luip, receiving for the year's work the total sum of $94.00. He was an able carpenter, and his uncle did much contracting in the neighborhood, which was rapidly developing. Ultimately John Storrer also entered into business as a building contractor, one of his good contracts being the building of the Burton schoolhouse at Burlington, Ohio. He continued as a contractor, with good success, for some time, eventually purchasing a farm of eighty acres in German Township. After taking that responsibility he gave almost his whole time to its operation until 1892, when he sold it to advantage and purchased the farm of 100 acres upon which he has since lived in German Township, and which latterly has been managed by his son. Since 1905 he has rented

his farm to his son, and for the last fifteen years has lived in comfortable retirement upon his own farm, cared for by his son and his daughter-in-law. He is now eighty-two years old, but is in comparatively good health. He has many friends of long standing in German Township, and has lived a good, honorable life of useful industriousness. His wife, Margaret (Shank) Storrer, belonged to a Fulton county family. Their only child is their son Jacob, born in German Township in 1871. Jacob received his early schooling in the old Burlington School, attending that school until he was twelve years old. For the next eight years he continued to attend school, going to the Lawrence School until he was twenty years old. Long before he had reached that age, however, he had been taking consequential part in the operation of his father's property. He took over most of the burdensome work of the home farm after he left school, and from the age of twenty-eight years, when he married, he practically became wholly responsible for the farm, renting it from his father. He has lived a busy life, and has had good success in general farming. The years of steady application to agriculture have not been without effect upon his material status. He is now well-placed financially, and the owner of a good property in German Township. Altogether he farms 190 acres, his father's farm of 100 acres and his own of ninety acres.

Politically he is an independent republican, although he does not interest himself very actively in politics, that is in national politics. In local public affairs he has been closely interested, but has not sought public office at any time. He is a God-fearing man, of good Christian principle, and a consistent church member.

He has been twice married. His first wife, whom he married in 1899, was Emma, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kutzli) Binehman. She bore him one child, a son, who is now a promising young man of eighteen years. His first wife died on November 29, 1902, and he remained a widower for more than two years. On January 15, 1905, he married Katie Blanck, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Mangold) Blanck, of Greenwood county, Kansas. To them have been born six children, all sons. Mrs. Storrer was born near Metz, Alsace, about four years after the termination of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870-71.

Louis Gustave Moine, a respected and representative farmer of German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, where he has lived for practically the whole of his life of fifty-eight years, and where his father before him lived for seventy-seven of his ninety-three years, is of the third generation of the Moine family to have had residence in Fulton county, his grandfather and father being among the pioneers of German Township. Louis Gustave Moine has been loyal to his native township throughout his life, has by his life of good neighborliness and industry earned good repute in the district, and had he wished he might have been elected to most of the township offices of honor and responsibility. Although he has co-operated usefully in public movements in the township, and has for three terms taken the responsibility of the trusteeship of the township, he has generally refused to stand for office.

He was born in German Township in 1862, the son of Anthony and Mary (Ketly) Moine. The Moine family is of French origin, and his father was only sixteen years old when he came with his

parents to America. The family settled in German Township, Fulton county, entering government land in its wild state. Grandfather Moine spent most of his life in pioneer work, as did his son Anthony, father of Louis Gustave. Between them they cleared an acreage of 120 acres of heavily timbered land. The parents of Louis Gustave Moine were of steady temperament and good life, and both lived to reach venerable age, his mother being seventy-five years old when death came to her in 1889, while his father reached his ninety-fourth year, both dying in the family homestead and being buried in German Township.

Louis G. in his boyhood attended district school No. 12, continuing to go to school until he was fourteen years old. From that time he has farmed almost continuously. He worked with good filial earnestness for his father until he was twenty-five years old, when he married. Thereafter the farm became his, to all intents and purposes, for he took upon himself practically the whole burden of its operation, and continued to do so throughout the declining years of his father, and after the latter's death, the farm coming fully into his possession, he continued its cultivation year by year up to the present. With good general success, too, it must be stated. The farm was well adapted to general farming, which Mr. Moine has followed, and being a skilful and thorough farmer, with good business acumen, and an aptness in adopting new methods which could stand the practical test, he has reached a competence of material wealth. And during his steady work and co-operation in the general affairs of the township he has gained many sincere and lifelong friends among his neighbors. He is a citizen of whole-hearted loyalty, as was proved by his helpful interest in the national welfare during the World war. Religiously he is a devout Catholic, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Archbold. Politically he is a democrat, and has been stanchly affiliated with that party for the greater part of his manhood, while fraternally he is identified with the Archbold branch of the Knights of Columbus order. He and his wife, who was Louisa Hirsch, have been hospitable neighbors since the year of their marriage, 1888, and in their younger days took good part in the church and social movements of the community. They have two adopted children: Celia, who married Albert Grim, of Archbold; and Marie May, who is still with her foster-parents.

William G. Kutzli, an enterprising and active business man of Archbold, a baker by trade, and the owner of an established business, the Home Bakery at Archbold, was born in that town twenty-six years ago, in 1894, the son of John and Rose (Ehrat) Kutzli. He has spent all his life in Archbold, and since he has been in independent business has manifested a capacity for responsibility and a steadiness of purpose, traits that lead to success. He has developed a trade of appreciable volume by holding closely to the principle of giving the best possible service for the price asked. He has a good town and country trade, drawing business within a radius of sixteen miles of Archbold.

His education was obtained in the public schools of his native place. His parents, who are of good standing in the county, were able to give him a good education, which reached to the last year in high school. William was eighteen years old when he left high school and took seriously to business occupations. He had resolved

to become a baker, and with that object served an apprenticeship in the bakery of J. S. Fenstermacher at Archbold. One and one-half years later he took employment with a relative, Frank Ehrat, of Archbold, and in 1915 purchased the bakery of the latter. He has since been the sole owner of that business, which is now conducted under the trading name of the Home Bakery, and during the five years of independent business has added much to his good repute in his home town. He is a man of strong, self-reliant characteristics, optimistic and energetic, a good tradesman, and a responsible resident. Politically he is a democrat, and fraternally is connected with the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders, belonging to the West Unity Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and to Archbold Lodge No. 731 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In May, 1914, when he was twenty years old, he married Bernice, daughter of Ira McClarren, of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Kutzli are members of the Reformed Church, and have taken part in church and social activities of Archbold.

Thomas S. De Vries, who latterly has come somewhat prominently into the affairs of the borough of Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio, being the sole owner of the Archbold Electric Light and Power Company, and also the owner and organizer of the Archbold Electric Company, which has a consequential business in supplies and electrical contracting, has had a somewhat varied life, having for fifteen years been employed in the plant of a furniture manufacturing company, and having for a further fifteen years farmed a good acreage in Michigan, these thirty years of industrious effort having brought him into a satisfactory state of material wealth. Since he has lived in Archbold he has manifested many estimable qualities, is generally well-regarded, and has demonstrated that he is naturally of helpful public spirit.

He is of Dutch ancestry, and was born in the Netherlands, his native place being Schootrland, Friesland, and his parents S. T. and Jeltze (Hoogeboom) De Vries. His father followed the historic calling of the Dutch people, and spent much of his early manhood in maritime occupations. He married in Holland, and there Thomas S. spent the first thirteen years of his life. His parents came to America in 1881, and the family settled in Michigan, his father renting a farm near Grand Rapids.

Thomas S. as a boy attended the schools of his native land, and after settling in Michigan with his parents he began to take up the serious occupations of life without any delay. He was thirteen years old, and comparatively well educated, and although he could not speak English, he found many of his own countrymen employed in the furniture factory to which he went for employment. For the first eight years he lived in America he worked steadily in the plant of the Grand Rapids Chair Company, for the greater part of that time in the capacity of finisher. He was an industrious, alert boy, and soon became proficient in his duties, and in course of time thoroughly mastered the English language. After having worked for eight years in the furniture factory he spent some time in farm work, assisting his father in the work of the farm he had rented near Grand Rapids. Eventually, however, young De Vries again entered the factory, and altogether was connected with the furniture manufacturing industry of Grand Rapids for fifteen years. He

married in 1889, being then twenty-one years old. After marriage he bought a farm in Michigan, and for the next fifteen years gave his time altogether to agriculture. He was generally successful in his farming, and had reached a satisfactory financial state by that time. In 1911 he saw an advantage in selling his Michigan farm and purchasing the Walters estate, which owned the electric lighting plant at Archbold, Fulton county, Ohio. That business interest brought the family into Fulton county, and into residence at Archbold. Mr. De Vries has conducted the public utility enterprise since 1911 under the name of the Archbold Electric Light and Power Company, and his direction of the plant has resulted in a good service to mutual advantage. He has been accommodating in his service, and has always endeavored to meet the wishess of the community, and to meet the people reciprocally in any matter concerning the general welfare in its relation to his plant. And he has also shown sound business enterprise in establishing the Archbold Electric Company, which enters somewhat extensively into electrical contracting, and in the sale of electrical supplies. It does most of the electrical fitting and wiring in that part of Fulton county, and has a wide scope of supplies, being agents for the Western Electric Company's electric-lighting systems. In ground storage batteries and in the charging of same, and in general repair work, the company has done a satisfactory degree of business during the last few years. Mr. De Vries has also other business interests, owns some real estate, and, generally, is well-regarded in the community as a man of affairs and one who has shown himself anxious to aid in the advancement of the town and the betterment of things generally within the community.

Politically Mr. De Vries is a republican, although he apparently has never been disposed to take public office. During the war he evinced a whole-hearted, helpful patriotism, co-operating well with the local committees in bringing to satisfactory consummation the subscription of the local quota toward the various funded issues made by the national administration to meet the extraordinary needs of the nation in war.

In 1889 Mr. De Vries married Jennie Rodenhuis, daughter of Vandermeer and Trytyl Rodenhuis, who were people of Dutch antecedents then resident in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. De Vries are the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. They also have reared a stepson, the child of Mrs. De Vries by her first marriage. Mr. De Vries is a member of the Missionary Church of Archbold, while Mrs. De Vries is a member of the German Reformed Church, and they are consistent Christians, helpful and earnest in church work.

John T. Weber, one of the leading and most successful farmers of German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, has had a notably successful life in agricultural activity. Without financial help, and by dint of hard work and skillful farming, he has gradually prospered until he today owns a total of 320 acres of good agricultural land.

He was born in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, November 12, 1859, the son of George and Barbara (Butch) Weber, who were both of Swiss birth. They were married in Switzerland, and lived at Schauffhausen, and there six of their children were born. George Weber was an agriculturist in his native land, and when he brought his family to America, and into Ohio, he settled

down to farming occupations, at first living with his brother John in German Township, Fulton county. He died in 1865. John T. Weber, his son, attended the public school nearest to his home during the winter months, and during the growing summer season spent most of the time in farming tasks upon his father's property. He left school when he was about sixteen years old, and some time afterwards became connected with the Graff Sawmill in German Township. He continued in that work for twelve years, and although he did not earn very much, he was of economical habits and saved much of his earnings, so that when he married, in 1893, he was able to venture into independent work as a tenant farmer. He rented the Tedrow farm of 105 acres, and there lived for three years. For the next three years he worked a farm of 160 acres near Archbold, and did very well on that place. However, it was to his advantage to then move to the farm of 120 acres belonging to his father-in-law. This farm, in German Township, he rented at first, but eventually purchased it outright from his father-in-law, and since that time he has steadily tilled it, generally to very good advantage. He prospered by reason of skillful farming and persistent application to work, and eventually was able to purchase a further 200 acres, so that in all he has quite an extensive acreage in rich territory.

His wife, Leah, whom he married in 1893, was a daughter of Peter F. and Salvina (Burkholder) Wyse, of German Township. And to the marriage have been born five children: Elda Rosselli, who married Louis Merillat, of Franklin Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and is the mother of four children; Arthur Daniel, now a successful farmer in German Township, married Meda Grime, and they are the parents of six children: Clarence A., who married Cassie Grime, of German Township, and has two children; Albert John, who married Marie Leminger, to them has been born one child; Pearl Mary, who is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Weber have very many sincere friends in Fulton county, and are especially respected by the older residents of German Township.

William E. Hill. Through a chain of circumstances over which he had no control, William E. Hill, of Delta, enlisted four different times as a soldier in the Civil war, although his birth occurred March 28, 1842, in the mother country—England. He is a son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Cullen) Hill. The father died in 1851, and with four small children the mother immigrated to the United States in 1858, locating in Delta. As bread winner of the family, W. E. Hill began working on a farm, but after one year he secured a position in a grist mill, where he remained for many years.

Mr. Hill enlisted in the Civil war at the first call for volunteers, and was one of the 100-day men in the service. It was thought 100 days' service would win the war, but not so, and in the summer of 1862 he enlisted again, this time in the Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In about four months he was taken prisoner and immediately after his release he was discharged and sent home with typhoid fever. He lay in a hospital at Delaware, Ohio, finally reaching his home in Delta.

In 1863 Mr. Hill re-enlisted again, this time in Company F of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and February 13, 1864, he was discharged and immediately re-enlisted in the Sixth Ohio

Cavalry at Petersburg, Virginia, receiving his final discharge June 27, 1865, when the northern army was disbanded and the soldiers returned to their homes. In October of that year Mr. Hill went to Tuscola county, Michigan, and followed the lumber woods for a time. For twelve years he was stationary engineer in a saw and planing mill, and then for a time he worked in a butcher shop in Cass City, Michigan. In 1891, Mr. Hill returned to Delta, where he worked for several firms as a butcher.

Since 1915 Mr. Hill has lived retired from active business in the old homestead in Delta, where his mother located in 1859. In July, 1865, Mr. Hill married Salma Alwood, of Pike Township, a daughter of E. K. and Betsey (Saulsbury) Alwood, the father from Maryland and the mother from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hill died May 20, 1891, in Michigan.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill are: Charles, of Toledo; Ida, wife of Fred Sherwood, of Toledo; Mary, deceased, was the wife of William Wright; William, deceased, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Hill, of Cleveland, Ohio; Minnie, wife of Elmer Royer; Edith, wife of Mr. McClure; Nellie, wife of Frank Pierce; all of Toledo. Eliza, a sister of Mr. Hill, lived with her mother in the family homestead in Delta, and now she is the homemaker for her brother there.

With his military history Mr. Hill would not think of remaining out side the social influences of a Grand Army Post. While in Michigan he was a member of Milo Warner Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and now he is in the McQuillin Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Delta. While in the Michigan post he was officer of the day.

Arthur G. Siegel, a successful and respected farmer of German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, comes of one of the pioneer families of the county, notwithstanding that he, himself, was born in Kansas. His grandfather settled in German Township almost seventy years ago, the township at that time being in its first stage of development.

He was born in Larned, Kansas, in 1884, the son of Daniel W. and Anna (Roth) Siegel, a woman remarkable for her great memory and grandson of Jacob and Catherine (Nofzinger) Siegel. The family was originally from Bavaria, Jacob Siegel having been born in that country. He did not immigrate until some years after he had married; in fact some of his children were also born in Bavaria, although Daniel W., son of Jacob and Catherine (Nofzinger) Siegel, and father of Arthur G., was born in 1847 in Wayne county, Ohio, his parents having at that time been resident in Wayne county for three years. In 1852 Jacob Siegel took his family through the wilderness from Wayne county into Fulton county, settling in German Township, where he acquired 160 acres of uncleared land, and in the clearing of that holding he spent the remainder of his life. Their son Daniel W. was given the best possible education, although facilities were somewhat primitive in the country schools of that section in his boyhood. He attended the country school nearest to his parents' farm during the winter term each year, and during the summers was wont to spend most of his time in the execution of various minor tasks upon the home farm. After passing through the grades of the elementary school he entered the high school at Wauseon, and he was twenty-one years old before he closed his

schooling altogether and took wholly to farming occupations in association with his father. For three years he remained at home, and for the next five years farmed independently. Then he married, and soon afterward moved to Larned, Kansas, where he homesteaded 160 acres, and purchased a further like acreage from the Santa Fe Railway Company, owning in all 320 acres. There he lived for nine years, growing each year much wheat, but at the end of his ninth season in Kansas he sold his holding and brought his family back to Ohio and to Fulton county. He purchased a good farm of eighty-six acres, situated partly within the bounds of the borough of Archbold, in 1885, and later acquired a further forty acres that adjoined his property. He now owns 100 acres, and has had good success in general farming. He is a man of industrious inclination, has always been responsible, and is well-regarded in the township generally. Politically Mr. Daniel W. Siegel is a republican. He is a member of the Archbold Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a good churchman, a Methodist by conviction and a member and good supporter of the Archbold Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the five children born to Daniel W. and Anna (Roth) Siegel, four are still living. They are: Carrie C., who married John B. Theobald, of Bryan, Williams county, Ohio; Catherine, who married C. E. Hyatt, of Stryker, Williams county, Ohio and is the mother of one child, their daughter, Mae; Arthur Garfield, of whom more follows; and Mrs. E. A. Beuhrer.

Arthur Garfield, now thirty-five years old, was only a small child when his parents returned to Fulton county, Ohio, from Larned, Kansas, where he was born. His life has therefore been almost wholly lived in Fulton county and in the township with the early settlement of which his family was so closely associated. In due course he took good part with his father in the operation of the home farm. Both he and his wife are graduates of the local high school and both spent some time teaching, Mrs. Siegel in the village school. They both take an interest in educational matters, Mrs. Siegel at present serving the Woman's Reading Club of Archbold as its president, while Mr. Siegel is serving his second term on the village Board of Education. He is a stanch republican.

In 1912 he married, and has since that time continued to farm industriously, and generally with good success. He and his wife, who was Arvah Skeels, daughter of Silas and Adelaide (Gilbert) Skeels, are the parents of two children, James Arthur, born in 1913, and Anna Adelaide, now four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Siegel are members of the Archbold Methodist Episcopal Church, and both have taken active part in church work. Mr. Siegel especially has shown practical interest in the moral welfare and spiritual guidance of the young people of that church, and for some years has been superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School. He has the reputation of being a man of high moral character, a man whose life is governed by high standards of Christian principle. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Unity.

Henry Brehm, a respected resident of Franklin Township, and a successful farmer of that section of Fulton county, Ohio, was born in Whitehouse, Lucas county, Ohio, December 31, 1858, the son of Anthony and Rebecca (Fineauer) Brehm, who at that time owned a farming property in that place. Anthony Brehm was a

native of Wurtemberg, Germany, but came to this country when a young man, settling in Toledo, Ohio. He was a mason and stone layer by trade, and he helped cut all the spiles that were driven in the water of the river for a foundation for the first depot at Toledo. He was in Toledo for four years, and then, having accumulated some capital and desiring to take up agricultural life, he rented a farm of forty acres in Whitehouse, Lucas county. There his son Henry was born, some time after which event the Brehm family removed to Franklin Township, Fulton county, Ohio, where Anthony took over as a tenant farmer the old Darby farm of 160 acres. Later he purchased a Franklin Township farm of forty acres, and upon it lived until his death.

Henry Brehm was educated in district school No. 7 of Fulton county, which was the country school nearest to his home in Franklin Township. He attended school until he was fourteen years old. After leaving school he was associated with his father in the operation of his father's farm, but when seventeen years old hired out to neighboring farmers. In that way the next five years passed. Then he married, and the farm on which they settled was a present from his father-in-law, Jacob Kibler, upon which he still lives. His life has thus been spent almost wholly in Franklin Township, and his record throughout life has been that of a good-hearted, sincere and industrious man, of consistent Christian character and unselfish public spirit. Politically he votes for the man irrespective of party ties. In local affairs he has been ready to take his portion of the duties of the public administration, and for a while was trustee of the township, but he has not interested himself actively in National politics. During the war he proved himself to be a whole-hearted patriot, ready and eager to co-operate in the plans the national administration made for the successful prosecution of the war. And upon many occasions he has manifested a commendable public spirit.

In 1881 Henry Brehm married Emma Kibler, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Yost) Kibler. Jacob Kibler was one of the pioneers of Fulton county, one of the early settlers in German Township. He was twenty years old when he came to America from Schaüffhausen, Switzerland, accompanying his father and mother. They came down in an ox cart to Fulton county, through the wilderness from Wayne county, and settled in German Township. He was the eldest of seven children, and was more or less responsible for the welfare of the family. He was born in Switzerland on January 5, 1813, and died in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on December 25, 1894, being then almost eighty-two years old. His wife Elizabeth Yost died four years later, August 19, 1898. She was born in Berne, Switzerland, on May 15, 1832. Their daughter Emma, who married Henry Brehm, was the youngest of the five children, three sons and two daughters, of Jacob and Elizabeth (Yost) Kibler, and all her brothers and sisters are now deceased. Jacob Kibler was a worthy pioneer, resolute and indefatigable. Latterly he owned 320 acres of good agricultural land, all of which he cleared himself.

L'Near Eugene Carter. The Carter family of which L'Near Eugene Carter of Amboy Township is a representative has migrated quite a little, having lived in Royalton, Amboy and Fulton Townships and in two different counties in Michigan, and now he is on

The Carter family homestead of Amboy, with mail service from Delta. His parents were George and Ruth (Sprague) Carter, and the paternal grandparents were Norval and Mary L. (Bird) Carter. The grandfather Carter was a Civil war soldier from Fulton county who did not return from the battle fields of the Southland. The maternal grandparents were Alonzo and Susannah (Chase) Sprague.

When George Carter married he first settled in Amboy, and later lived in Royalton and in 1892 he bought land in Fulton Township. There were fifty acres in the farm, with forty-five acres under cultivation. He died there July 21, 1914. Mrs. Carter died in December 29, 1917, leaving their only son, L. E. Carter, the homestead. In March, 1904, he married Effie Gardinier, of Royalton. She is a daughter of Watson and Alice (Snyder) Gardinier. For three years they lived on rented land in Fulton, then moved to Wauseon county, Michigan. Two years later they moved to Jackson county, Michigan, remaining there three years.

When Mr. Carter returned to Fulton county he bought land near the home of his father, and since the death of his parents he has lived at the old homestead. They have one son: Wade Norval. Mr. Carter casts his ballot with the republicans.

Frank McQuillin, of "Popple Grove Farm" in Pike Township, has always lived at the old family homestead. He was born there April 14, 1877, a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Dunbar) McQuillin. When he bought forty acres and then added twenty acres by purchase it gave him sufficient land for one man to cultivate, and yet after the death of his father he bought out other heirs until he now owns a farm of eighty-four acres—Popple Grove Farm. Mr. McQuillin follows general farming, dairying and the livestock business.

On November 24, 1903, Mr. McQuillin married Viola Johnson, a daughter of John and Lucinda (Boyer) Johnson, of York Township. The father is a native of Fulton county, while the mother came from New Baltimore, Ohio. The Boyer ancestry, Henry and Elizabeth (Otto) Boyer, were Pennsylvanians. They were early settlers in York. Mrs. Johnson died July 17, 1911, and Mr. Johnson lives with the McQuillins.

The McQuillin children are: Lillian May, born September 12, 1907, and died in infancy; Gerald Dale, born June 6, 1909; and Hazel Marie, born September 11, 1913. Mr. McQuillin attended Hoxie district school and his wife attended the Bradley school and the Delta High School. She was a teacher at Tough Match in York Township and at the Brailey school in Swan Creek Township.

Mr. McQuillin votes the republican ticket. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America in Delta.

Solomon E. Laver, of Pike, is the son of a German immigrant, John Laver. The father was born April 12, 1833, at Hesse-Darmstadt. He married Mary A. Alwood, of Pike Township, in February, 1857, her people having come in 1835. She died in 1859, and John Laver married her sister, Pauline Alwood. They were daughters of Peola Alwood.

John Laver came to the United States before he was fifteen years of age, and he located at Stamford, Connecticut, where he worked for three years in a pump factory. In 1850 he came to Fulton county and began working at the carpenter trade. He became a skilled workman and in 1865 he bought an eighty-acre farm, mostly

in the wild, and being a carpenter he could use the timber on it in improving it.

In June, 1863, Mr. Laver enlisted in Company F, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. For six months he served as commissary sergeant, and was then promoted to captain, serving as such until the end of the war. He was in a number of minor engagements, and was discharged in July, 1865, and is today a member of McQuillin Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Delta. Mr. Laver is a republican, and has served the community as township assessor, and for eighteen years as justice of the peace.

In 1880 and again in 1890 Mr. Laver was a United States census enumerator. By his first marriage Mr. Laver has one daughter, Mary, and by the second marriage the following children: Grant S., of Fulton; Solomon E., who relates the family history; Philip, of Pettysville; John, of Pike; and Ura, who resides with Solomon and the sister Mary at the old homestead. On June 28, 1913, their father died there.

Solomon E. Laver has always lived on the farm where he was born except for short periods when he has had employment away from there. He never called any other spot his home. When he was a young man he sometimes worked out by the month. For many years he has conducted the farm, and he operates a Holstein dairy along with general farming and the livestock business. On October 23, 1908, he had the misfortune to lose his right hand in a corn shredder.

Mr. Laver has served the township as assessor nine consecutive terms, being the republican party representative. He has filled several of the chairs in Delta Knights of Pythias Lodge. He was a bond salesman in the different Liberty and Victory loans, and is a member of the American Patriotic League.

Solomon E. Laver, who was born in Pike Township December 21, 1866, is widely known not only as a successful dairy farmer, but for his usefulness in public affairs. His good citizenship in times of peace supplements the honorable record of his father as a soldier of the Civil war. His own sterling patriotism received abundant proof in the World war.

William Baldwin. While the life time home of William Baldwin has been in Fulton county, his parents came from Pennsylvania. He is a son of John and Lucy Ann (Clingerman) Baldwin, and was born in August, 1855, in Fulton Township, where the Baldwin were early settlers. However, in 1863 they removed to Amboy, where they purchased eighty acres in the timber and made it their home the remainder of their days. Their children are: Joseph, of Toledo; Levi, of Toledo; William; Mrs. Mary Ann Techworth; and John, of Amboy.

On May 26, 1885, William Baldwin married Marie Celeste Higley. She is a daughter of Darius and Sabina (Johnson) Higley and was born in Huron county. They began on twenty acres in the timber, and they have cleared and added land until they now have 114 acres of well improved farm land, and there are good buildings on it.

The Baldwin children are: Jesse Earl, of Toledo; Milford Ray, of York; Gertrude Pearl, wife of William Krieger, of Fulton; Tressa May, wife of Perry F. Churchill, of Swan Creek; Ruby Etta,

wife of Ollie Albright, of Royalton; and Ella May and William D., at home with the parents.

Mr. Baldwin votes the republican ticket and has served the community as a member of the board of education.

As the facts above related show he began life with an exceedingly modest capital, and while he was born in the pioneer era, he repeated many of the pioneer's experiences in his own manhood by developing a tract of heavy timber, clearing away the woods, putting the land under cultivation, and creating a farm that bears favorable comparison with any in its vicinity. It is appropriate to speak of him therefore as one of the useful men of Fulton county, and only good influences have emanated from his home.

William Strayer. One year after the organization of Fulton county the Strayer family story began in it with the coming of William and Elizabeth (Kring) Strayer from Pennsylvania. Their son Wiliam Strayer of Pike Township, was born April 13, 1855, and all of his life has been spent in Fulton county. There were thirteen children, ten of them living today.

In 1886 William Strayer married Augusta Dunbar, of the same community in Pike Township. She is a daughter of Boyd and Rachel Dunbar, the parents from Pennsylvania—the Strayers and Dunbars both from the Keystone state. For one year they lived on the Dunbar farm, then bought forty acres of partly improved land and remodeled the buildings on it. He added thirty acres, and aside from three acres of timber it is all under cultivation. Mr. Strayer has a Holstein dairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Strayer have one son, Arby Clay Strayer, born July 4, 1894. He married Gladys G. Bittikofer, and they have three children: Geneva May, Lola Audrey and Frances Mildred. They all live as one family at the family homestead. They are member of the Disciples Church in the community. The family vote is with the republican party.

One of the older native sons of the county, and member of one of its worthy pioneer families, William Strayer has so ordered his own life that it has been productive in the material sense, has served to create and build up one of the farms of which the county is proud, and in all the relations of a busy life has proved true to the standards of manhood and good citizenship.

Guy Harvey Boger. While Guy Harvey Boger lives in Royalton he was born August 9, 1890, in Chesterfield. He is a son of George Alvin and Edith (Todd) Boger, the father a Pennsylvanian by birth and the mother a native of Chesterfield. His grandfather, David Boger, lived in Pennsylvania, while Oliver and Lucinda (Devereaux) Todd, lived in Chesterfield.

Guy Harvey Boger supplemented his common school education by graduating from the Fayette High School and from the Ohio State University at Columbus. He is a member and a deacon in the Church of Christ. He votes with the republican party and holds membership in Chesterfield Grange.

On April 15, 1914, Mr. Boger married Erma N. Dennis, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Leininger) Dennis, of Franklin Township. He at once took up his residence on a quarter section farm owned by his father in Royalton. His father died March 29, 1919, and his mother lives in Lyons. Mr. Boger operates a Holstein dairy, having twenty-five head of thoroughbred cattle.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boger are: Mary Elizabeth and Robert Marlin.

PETER MYERS. While Peter Myers of Amboy is a native of Ohio, his parents immigrated in 1848 from Germany. He was born in September, 1854, in Lorain county. He is a son of John and Mary Ann (Gries) Myers. They were married in Germany, and when they came to America they located at first in Cleveland. He was a blacksmith in Germany and worked at his trade for the government in some of the wars engaging that country. He crossed the ocean to escape militarism in Germany. They were six months on their bridal journey to the United States.

The Myers family soon moved from Cleveland to Lorain county, where they secured twenty acres of land, adding to it until they had doubled the size of the farm, and in June, 1862, they sold it. Their next investment was a forty acre tract in Lenawee county, Michigan, mostly in timber, and a year later, September 17, 1863, while working on this farm, the father was struck by lightning. The wife and children remained there another year, when they sold out and bought land in Fulton county. Peter Myers grew into manhood on this farm in Amboy.

On July 4, 1875, Mr. Myers married Mary Ann Hall, who was born in Amboy, although her parents, George O. and Catharine (Cory) Hall, had come from New York to Ohio. For a time he lived in Metamora, and beginning in 1869 he carried United States mail for twelve years from Metamora to Swanton. He began farming on a seven-acre tract adjoining Metamora, but some years later he sold it and bought thirty-six acres of partly improved land farther from town. He lived there from 1891 until 1908, when he sold it and bought 100 acres where he lived a short time, and then removed to Metamora.

Since retiring from farm activities Mr. Myers has engaged in house moving and general contracting work. He has served the community as constable, and for seventeen years he was a member of the board of education. He has also served as road superintendent in Amboy. In politics he is a democrat. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees No. 421, Metamora, Sanders Tent, and Mrs. Myers is a member of the Lady Maccabees.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers are: Catharine Amelia, wife of Melvin Luke, of Metamora; Nellie, wife of Ernest Brewer, of Monroe county, Michigan; Jennie, wife of Fred Setzler, of Monroe county, Michigan; Rosa, wife of Freeman Bird, of Terre Haute, Indiana; and Clara, wife of Prof. E. W. Smith, of Columbus, Ohio.

Left fatherless at the age of nine years, Peter Myers had to do a man's work in the tender years of boyhood. He has performed his task well, as his neighbors and friends abundantly testify. Along with sound industry he has always exercised a high degree of business ability, and his record shows an increasing degree of prosperity with successive years. No one is more deeply interested and more willing to do his share in work that is connected with the welfare of the entire community.

EUGENE CARPENTER. While his ancestry came from Michigan and New Jersey, Eugene Carpenter, of Royalton, is a native of Fulton county, having been born June 11, 1853—three years after the

family came to Fulton county. His father, Andrew Jackson Carpenter, came from Michigan. His mother, Anna E. (Stretch) Carpenter, was a New Jersey woman. The Michigan home of the Carpenters was at Carpenter Hill, near Adrian, and Eugene Carpenter's parents married there. Samuel Carpenter was his grandfather. The maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Lippincott) Stretch, were later residents of Adrian.

When Eugene Carpenter was a young boy he worked on a farm, and has always been a farmer. At the age of sixteen he hired out by the month, and later he started farming on his own account, and for many years he was a breeder of race horse stock. That was before there were any Fords in Fulton county. Mr. Carpenter raised beef cattle and butchered and sold the product on the Toledo market and on other markets. He was well known as a butcher and live-stock dealer.

Mr. Carpenter owned property in Lyons, and in 1878 he bought an eighty-acre farm in Pike Township. Five years later he sold it and bought forty acres one mile north of Lyons, some of the land across the line in Michigan. He owned this land ten years and sold it, buying 130 acres of partly cleared and improved land one mile east from Lyons. In 1905 he changed his investment again, this time taking over a farm of 210 acres in Royalton. He has cleared all of it, and it is all under cultivation. Twice Mr. Carpenter has suffered loss by fire, and the result has been modern farm barns replacing those destroyed, and splendid farm buildings are the result.

Aside from this Royalton farm Mr. Carpenter owns one in Fairfield Township, Lenawee county, Michigan. While he rents all of his farm land he does not lose track of what is going on there. He looks after crop rotation and management himself.

On January 21, 1877, Mr. Carpenter married Hattie Kennedy. She was a native of Roxbury, Scotland, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Renwick) Kennedy. Her father died in Scotland, and in 1869 she came to America with her mother. The children are: Lena, wife of Omer Metcalf, of Lenawee county, Michigan; Belle, wife of Jesse Peck, of Sylvania; Rose, wife of Glenn Ayres, of Royalton; Verna, wife of Floyd Cox, of Lenawee county; Peter T., of Camp Funston, Kansas; Blanchard, at the family homestead; Anna, wife of Clyde Durbin, of Sylvania; Robena, wife of Ray Gallup, of Morenci, Michigan; and Eugene.

Mr. Carpenter votes with the republican party. He is a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 622 of Lyons, and has been through all of the chairs. He and Mrs. Carpenter are Rebekahs.

This is a brief outline of a very interesting and distinctive career. While a wage worker Mr. Carpenter saw and utilized the opportuntities to get into business for himself. A keen mind, abundant energy and sound business sense have kept him on the highway of prosperity in spite of losses and set backs, and a large part of what he has done for himself has also been a direct contribution to the development and welfare of Royalton Township. From what has been said above it is easy to account for the high degree of esteem associated with the name of Eugene Carpenter in Fulton county.

HERBERT HAYES HINKLE. The name Hinkle belongs to the early history of Fulton county, although Herbert Hayes Hinkle, was born June 22, 1876, in Royalton. He is a son of Stephen and Hattie (Cass) Hinkle, the father of Fulton and the mother of Lucas county. The grandparents, Ephraim and Susan (Houghton) Hinkle, were early settlers in Fulton, while Joseph Cass came early to Adams Township, Lucas county.

When Stephen Hinkle was married he settled in Lyons, and still lives there. The children are: Ephraim, deceased; Lena, wife of Houghton J. Ferguson, of Toledo; Herbert Hayes; Eugene, of Royalton; and Homer, who lives with his parents.

On April 29, 1903, Herbert H. Hinkle married Ethel E. Camburn, of Royalton. She is a daughter of Frank and Charlotte (Standish) Camburn. The father came from Lenawee county, Michigan, while the mother always lived in Royalton. Mr. Hinkle had always farmed, and after his marriage he rented in Royalton until 1913, when he bought 100 acres on the Ohio-Michigan line, with ninety acres in Michigan, but the house in Ohio. He has a Holstein dairy on the farm.

The children are: Charles, Lloyd and Franklin. Mr. Hinkle had high school advantages in Toledo, and as a republican he received the appointment to an unexpired term as township trustee in 1916, and since then he has twice been re-elected trustee. He belongs to the Ancient Order of Gleaners, and is secretary of the Universalist Church, of which he is a member.

ALBERT MARK ROBINSON. While the Robinson family name has been in the annals of Fulton county for many years, Albert Mark Robinson, is as yet a young man. He was born February 23, 1891, and has always lived in Amboy Township. He is a son of John M. and Hannah (Phillips) Robinson, the father a native of Amboy while the mother is from the south of England.

The paternal grandparents, George and Rebecca (Davis) Robinson, came from the State of New York and were early residents of Amboy after having lived some years in Indiana. When they came the land was so heavily timbered that space had to be cleared for their cabin. Years later Mr. Robinson built a brick house that was regarded as one of the finest homes in Fulton county. He owned and cleared 200 acres of land and was a prosperous pioneer farmer.

When John M. Robinson was married he bought 100 acres of his father, securing the homestead part of it. He died there July 3, 1904, and it is now the home of Albert Mark Robinson, in the third generation of the Robinson succession in Fulton county. His sister Edith is the wife of Clarence Hagerman, of Lenawee county, Michigan, and Clarice died at the age of nineteen. The mother is now the wife of Alfred Viers, of Royalton.

In addition to a high school education at Delta A. M. Robinson attended Ohio State University at Columbus. He taught the home district school and he worked his father's farm on shares. On February 16, 1916, Mr. Robinson married Oneita McQuillan, of Pike Township. She is a daughter of James and Anna (McQuillan) McQuillan. Since his marriage Mr. Robinson has devoted his entire attention to agriculture. His children, Lowell, born January 26, 1917, and Clarice, January 18, 1919, are in the fourth generation of the Robinson family to live in one house in Amboy. He votes the republican ticket, and belongs to the Grange—the Patrons of Husbandry of Amboy Township.

WILLIAM THOMAS SAXTON, of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, one of the leading business men of that place, has lived most of his life in the county, and is well-regarded among the people of Delta, who have known him as a resident and as a tradesman for so many years. He was only two years old when his parents came to live in the county.

He was born on October 15, 1850, the son of Nathaniel and Catherine (Nort) Saxton, the former a native of New York state and the latter of German birth. His paternal grandparent, Cyrus Saxton, was born in New York state, the Saxtons being among the colonial families of America. His maternal lineage is Teutonic, his mother and her parents having been born in Germany. Dr. John and Margaret Nort, his maternal grandparents, came to Trenton, Butler county, Ohio, in 1841, and there Doctor Nort practiced medicine until 1851, when he and his wife came into Fulton county, settling in Swanton of that county. During the remainder of his long professional life Doctor Nort practiced medicine throughout the eastern part of Fulton county and the western section of Lucas county. He died in Swanton in his ninetieth year, and was buried in Swanton Cemetery.

Nathaniel and Catherine (Nort) Saxton, parents of William T., soon after marriage settled in Muskingum county, Ohio, where their first two children were born. About eighteen months after the birth of their second child, William T., they came to live in Fulton county, where Nathaniel Saxton farmed for one year, and having then contracted inflammatory rheumatism, and succumbed to that complaint on July 29, 1853. The widow had limited resources and three young children. Fortunately she was near her parents, and in the home of her parents, Dr. John and Margaret Nort, the Saxton children were reared. The three children born to Nathaniel and Catherine (Nort) Saxton were: Maggie E., who eventually married William Hollis, of Swanton, Ohio; William Thomas; and George E., who died in infancy. The mother spent the last years of her life in the home of William Thomas, where she died August 30, 1914.

William Thomas, second child of Nathaniel and Catherine (Nort) Saxton, lived from the time of his father's death until he was seventeen years old in the home of his grandparents, Doctor and Mrs. Nort, in Swanton, Fulton county. He attended the old Centreville district school, about ½ mile south of Swanton, and when seventeen years old began his business career, taking employment in a general store in Waterville, Lucas county, Ohio, where he remained for twelve years. In April, 1880, he came to Delta as clerk in the general store of J. M. Longnecker, with whom he was associated for eight years. Sargent Brothers & Saxton then bought the Longnecker store. At the end of fourteen years Mr. Saxton became the sole owner, having purchased the Sargent interest.

He is widely known throughout Fulton county, and has an enviable reputation as a man of honorable trading and good business and moral integrity. He has shown marked enterprise in his business, having expanded it in many lines, so that today he does a substantial volume of business in general merchandise, seeds and coal.

He has entered much into civic activities and community interests. By religious conviction he is Methodist Episcopal, and for six years has been trustee of the local church of that denomination. Politically he is a democrat. He has taken an intelligent

interest in the general national affairs and a keen interest in local administrations, but he has never been an aspirant for public office. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, a member of Fulton Lodge No. 240, and of the Octavius Waters Chapter of that order.

In June, 1886, he married Octavia A. Waters, who was born in Delta, Ohio, daughter of Octavius A. and Mary Ann (Hollington) Waters, well-known Delta residents of English antecedents. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Saxton: Mabel W., who married E. F. Pennywitt, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Helen Marie, who died when thirteen years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Saxton are well-regarded in Delta, and have throughout their married life been residents of hospitable inclination.

JOHN M. BECHSTEIN. Having spent all his mature years in general farming and stockraising industries, John M. Bechstein of York Township is an authority on agricultural matters. His home is at 313 Wood street in Delta, and he has achieved his present comfortable circumstances through a life of earnest effort and industry.

He was born in his present township in February, 1869, a son of Jacob and Anna (Goodloch) Bechstein, natives of Germany, who came at different times to the United States and located in Erie county, Ohio, where they became acquainted and were married. In 1862 they came to Fulton county and bought eighty acres of unimproved timberland in Swan Creek Township, which they developed into a valuable farm, and also became the owners of another eighty-acre farm. Their children were as follows: Henry, who is a farmer of Swan Creek Township; Ida, who is Mrs. John Reiber, of Wood county, Ohio; Mary, who is Mrs. John Evans, of Swan Creek Township; John, whose name heads this review; Anna, who is Mrs. Henry Wenig, of Wood county, Ohio; Lucy, who is Mrs. Edward Smith, of Wood county, Ohio; Jacob, a farmer of Swan Creek Township; and Altha, who is Mrs. Martin Andrews, of Swan Creek Township.

Growing up in his native township, John M. Bechstein learned to be a practical farmer while he was attending the district schools, in them securing a knowledge of the fundamentals of an education. He married at the age of twenty-five and for a quarter of a century has been busy performing his duties as a provider of home and other advantages for his family and discharging the duties of good citizenship. December 25, 1894, he married Martha Prentiss, daughter of Jacob and Melissa (Joy) Prentiss. Her parents were natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bechstein have two children, Helene and Doris E.

FRANK WEBSTER RANDELS, a well-known and successful farmer of Franklin Township, Fulton county, Ohio, has spent all his life on the farm upon which he was born, and which he now owns. During the years since his majority he has taken due part in the responsibilities of the community, and is known favorably as a reliable farmer, representative of the substantial agriculturists of that section of the county.

He was born in the Randels family homestead on February 3, 1870, the son of James and Sarah Ellen (Marfoot) Randels. He was given a good education, the ordinary education of the public school being supplemented by a course at the Fayette Normal School.

He assisted in the operation of the home farm of 160 acres until the death of his father in 1912. His mother had died about twelve months anterior to the demise of his father, and thus, in 1912, he found himself in possession of the family estate. He has steadily continued to till it, being successful in his farming and in the raising of Percheron horses.

He is a public-spirited man, and is well-regarded in the community. During the war he co-operated to the extent of his resources in the national effort to furnish the government with the sinews of war, with the funds wherewith to carry the purposes of the nation in the war through to complete success. And in local affairs he has manifested a worthy spirit of helpfulness. Politically he is a republican; fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen order, affiliated with a West Unity lodge and to the Ohio State Gleaners organization. Religiously he is a Methodist, a supporter of the Methodist Church of Franklin Township.

In 1897 Frank W. Randels married Sadie J., daughter of S. K. and Jane (Mahan) Hughes, of West Unity, Williams county, Ohio. She came of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her great-grandfather was one of the early settlers in Kentucky, and her father, who was a Presbyterian minister, settled at West Unity in Williams county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Randels are the parents of three children: Florence Julia, who married Floyd Sayers, of Trinidad, California; Laurence Charles, who now is thirteen years old; and Ellen Jane, now seven years old.

Carl Waldeck. The Waldeck family of which Carl Waldeck of Delta is a representative has been in Fulton county since 1859, nine years after the organization of the county. He is a son of Arnold and Christina (Backbuse) Waldeck, and was born February 27, 1850, in Hanover, Germany. When the family immigrated to America in 1851 they came at once to Lucas county. Nine years later they located on a farm in Pike Township, and in 1860 they moved to Delta. After three years in Delta they rented another farm three miles east, and the next move was to a farm they bought in Pike Township. They had 130 acres and bought forty. He died there in 1889, and she died nineteen years afterward—almost fifty years a resident of Fulton county.

The children in the Waldeck family are: Carl Waldeck; Arnold and Herman, of Delta; William, deceased; Amelia, deceased, was the wife of William McQuillan; and George, of Delta. On Christmas day, 1873, Carl Waldeck married Florence Sheffield, a native of Fulton county. Her parents, William and Mary Sheffield, came from Tuscarawas county. Mr Waldeck lived on the Sheffield farm in Swan Creek and later on the Gately farm. For six years he was a tenant and then bought eighty acres in timber and stumps in York Township. He improved and added to it until he now owns 100 acres of excellent farm land and all under cultivation but a small tract of timber and pasture land. Since November, 1918, a son has lived there and Mr. Waldeck has lived in Delta.

Mr. Waldeck bought a residence on Adrain street. The children in the family are: Frank, of Pike; Dora, who died in infancy; Mary, who died at the age of twelve; and Walter, who lives on the farm owned by Mr. Waldeck. Mrs. Waldeck died May 4, 1903, and he married Mrs. Ella (Gorsuch) Fink, widow of William Fink. She had two children who died in infancy. The family

are members of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Waldeck votes with the republican party.

The facts above stated concerning the Waldeck family in general and Carl Waldeck in particular place them among the most substantial citizenship of Fulton county. It is a matter worthy of special notice that Mr. Waldeck has achieved his present position as a farm owner after starting his career as a tenant, and overcoming many obstacles in the path of success.

LINCOLN E. LUTTON, who has lived his whole life of fifty-five years in York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and for forty years has industriously farmed, is now one of the substantial farmers of that section of Fulton county, and is well-regarded in the township. He owns a good property of 120 acres, has a good record for personal integrity and industry, and has taken an active part in educational affairs in the community.

He was born in York Township, in the Lutton family homestead in section 15 of the township on September 20, 1864, the son of Matthew and Eliza (Moore) Lutton. His parents were both born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and soon after they had married they came into Ohio and settled on comparatively wild land in York Township, Fulton county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, respected as earnest, kind-hearted, industrious neighbors. Lincoln as a boy attended the district school nearest to his home, and when sixteen years old began manly labors. For some time after leaving school he worked for neighboring farmers at the monthly wage of eight dollars. He farmed for wages until he was twenty-six years old, when he married and bought a small farm in York Township, upon which he and his wife lived for three years. He then sold the farm, and they lived for eighteen months thereafter in Delta Village, eventually renting other farms for five years, after which they took over his father's farm in York Township. For nineteen years he successfully cultivated the property, and in 1918 purchased another farm of forty acres in section 9 of York Township, and in February of the following year, 1919, bought the old Force homestead of eighty acres in section 16 of York Township, where the Lutton family has since resided, although he also farms his other property. Altogether he has a rich farming property, and his returns in general farming, dairying, and stockraising are good.

Politically Mr. Lutton is a republican, and he has taken a close interest in local politics for many years, although he has never sought political office. He has been especially interested in educational matters, serving as school director.

On November 10, 1890, he married Minnie Force, who was born in York Township, daughter of Abraham Newton and Catherine (Boice) Force. Her father was born in Wayne county, Ohio, and her mother in New York state. Mr. and Mrs. Lutton are the parents of two children, daughters: Goldie, who married Fred Moyer, of Delta, York Township, Ohio; and Pearl, who has remained at home with her parents. Lincoln E. Lutton is a representative Fulton county agriculturist, and has succeeded in life by resolute application to manly labor, and by enterprising management of good acreages.

HARVEY BARNEY FALOR. The name Falor has long been known in Pike Township, it being the birthplace of Harvey Barney Falor of Delta. He was born November 4, 1882, and is a son of James W. and Adeline (Denius) Falor. The father was born and died on the farm in Pike Township, and Mrs. Falor and her son removed to Delta. The grandfather, Barnabas Falor, was born in Ohio, but the grandmother, Margaret (McGinn) Falor, came from Ireland. Peter and Hulda (Kurtz) Denius, who came from Pennsylvania, were among the early settlers in Pike Township. They bought timber land, which they improved and here the Falors lived many years.

James W. Falor met with an accidental death, and in 1916 Mrs. Falor left the farm and now lives in Delta. Harvey B. Falor is the only son, and in June, 1900, he married Elsie Elmira Fouty. She is a daughter of Park and Sarah (Eck) Fouty, and has always lived in Fulton county. Their children are Opal and Ralph.

On September 3, 1916, while riding from Toledo to Delta in an automobile, Mr. Falor was struck by a New York Central train and his left leg was crushed just below the knee, and he will always be a cripple from it. The Falors have a nice home on Wood street in Delta.

BRADLEY E. GROVER, one of the leading residents of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and for more than thirty years a well-known farmer in that section, has accomplished more than one man's portion of pioneering work in Fulton county. He cleared the timber from eighty acres, converted it into rich tillable land, erected modern buildings on the place, added another forty acres to his holding, and generally by his industry added not only to his material wealth but to the productivity of the county to that extent. His farm, known as Maple Lawn Farm, is typical of the rich agricultural land won from the unprofitable state of wild timber land. And during his decades of manly labor Bradley E. Grover did not shirk public responsibilities; he manifested commendable public spirit and took part in the activities, civic, church and educational, of the community. He is a man of enviable personal repute in the township; has served on the School Board; has held the judicial office of justice of the peace; and for several years had been an elder of his church.

He was born in Linn county, Iowa, on December 27, 1854, the son of Arad and Sarah (Curtis) Grover, who were both natives of Ohio, and therefore among the early settlers in the state. After marriage the parents of Bradley E. Grover settled in Iowa, where he was born, but in about 1860 the family came into Fulton county, settling in Swan Creek Township, where both resided for the remainder of their lives. Bradley E. as a boy attended the district schools of Fulton county, and eventually became a student at the high school of Delta, Fulton county. He was early initiated into farm work, and knew most of the operations of general farming even before he had finished his academic schooling. And after leaving school he settled down steadily and industriously to farming pursuits, being of much assistance to his father in his early manhood. He was twenty-five years old when he married, and soon after taking that responsibility he rented a farm in Swan Creek Township for two years, after which, in 1882, he purchased eighty

acres of timber land in section 8, north of York Township. This he gradually cleared of timber, and in course of time developed it into its present state of productivity. His industry brought him adequate return, and he eventually acquired an additional forty acres, and adequately equipped the acreage with outbuildings. All the substantial buildings upon the place were erected by Mr. Grover, and the land has been brought into a high state of cultivation. Mr. Grover for thirty-three years worked the farm, always confining himself to general farming and dairying, and in 1915 he thought he might take life less strenuously. In that year he rented the farm to his son-in-law, and since that time he has lived in comparative retirement.

Mr. Grover has a good public record; he has always been eager to support worthy local projects of community interest, and has been a stalwart supporter of the Christian Church of Delta, Ohio, of which he has been an elder for many years. Politically he is a republican, and while he has never sought political office, he has been a factor of some consequence in his district. He has had a worthy record as justice of the peace, being a man of judicial bearing, impartial and honorable, and he has given the local School Board the benefit of his understanding of and interest in educational matters. He is also a member of the National Union of Delta.

On November 13, 1879, he married Ella Carpenter, who was born in Waterville, Ohio, daughter of Miles and Hannah (Carr) Carpenter, the former a native of Copley, Ohio, and her mother of Pennsylvania. Her parents settled in Summit county, Ohio, early in their married life, and in 1852 came into Fulton county. He was a cabinet-maker and furniture dealer in Delta, where they both resided until their death. Although born out of the county, Mrs. Ella (Carpenter) Grover has lived practically the whole of her life in Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley E. Grover are the parents of two children: Martha, who married P. S. Nofsiger, who now rents the Maple Lawn Farm of her parents; and Mildred, who married Clarence Lutton, of York Township.

John M. Chamberlin, a well-to-do farmer of York Township, and a leading resident of that section of Fulton county, has during his busy life farmed extensive acreages in Arkansas and Ohio. He has shown marked enterprise in his farming, and notwithstanding his business ties has maintained a close and active interest in public affairs, taking part in the civic, religious and judicial responsibilities of the local administration. He has been a deacon of his church; served many years as justice of the peace; and is the township trustee. His interest in Fulton county has no doubt to some extent been actuated by the association of his grandparents with the early settlement of the county, and of the adjoining Henry county, but of course his interest arises directly from the fact that he is a native of York Township, Fulton county. He was born in that township on August 24, 1867, the son of Thomas L. M. and Mary Ann (Raker) Chamberlain. His father was born in New York State, but his mother was born in Swan Creek Township, Fulton county. The Chamberlain family is originally of English extraction. Micah Chamberlain, grandfather of John M., having been born in England. He appears to have come to the United States when a young man, and to have married Elizabeth Howard in Vermont, where she was born. He and his wife came to Ohio between 1835 and

1840, and entered government land, a wild timber tract in Henry county, Ohio, where they settled, and there in time made for themselves a comfortable home. Their son Thomas L. M. was born in New York State, but spent almost all his early years in Henry county, Ohio, under the rigorous conditions that were the lot of the average pioneering families. He married Mary Ann Raker, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bixler) Raker, who were both born in Pennsylvania, and in about 1830 came into Fulton county and settled on Bad Creek, Swan Creek Township, where in course of time he became one of the largest landowners of the section, owning at one time 480 acres. Thomas L. M. and his wife, Mary Ann (Raker) Chamberlin, settled in York Township, Fulton county, soon after having married, and were resident in that place for the next fifteen years, moving then to Dickinson county, Kansas, having acquired a homestead of eighty acres near Abilene of that county. Six years later he purchased a further eighty adjoining acres, but later sold the whole property and returned to Fulton county, Ohio, where they remained for five years, then going to Craighead county, Arkansas, where Thomas L. M. Chamberlin bought 100 acres of partly improved land, which six years later he sold to his two sons Cary M. and John M. Chamberlin. He returned to Fulton county, and has since that time resided in the county, latterly with his son John M. His wife, however, died January 28, 1899. Thomas L. M. and Mary Ann (Raker) Chamberlin were the parents of three children, sons, Forrest L., Carey and John M. The last named is, however, their only surviving child.

John M. as a boy attended district school, but schooling ended when he was fifteen years old, and when he was in the year of his majority he married. From that time he has lived a responsible life of consequential farming. When his father returned from Arkansas he and his elder brother, Cary, now deceased, formed a partnership to purchase their father's Arkansas property, which they operated jointly for five years. They divided the property and after the division the share of John M. consisted of 440 acres of which, however, only about 100 acres had been cleared of timber. He cleared about thirty additional acres, and entered extensively into general farming, becoming a large raiser of hogs, cattle and horses. He also successfully grew corn and cotton. During his occupation of the Arkansas property he returned several times to Fulton county, making stays of various duration, between six and eighteen months. Eventually, in 1906, he sold the 440 acres he owned in Arkansas and bought another property of 179 acres, only twenty-five acres of which had been cleared. This acreage he rented out, and bought forty acres of the original Chamberlin homestead in Swan Creek Township, Fulton county. He has given his time to his Fulton county properties since, and altogether owns in the county within half an acre of 100 acres, in two tracts, one of sixty acres in extent. He follows general farming, stockraising and dairying, and has reached a satisfactory material competence as the result of his life of industriousness.

Politically he is a republican, and has to some extent entered into public life, although he has not concerned himself actively in national politics. He is of enviable repute in his own community, has served for six years as justice of the peace, has been township trustee since 1915, and in other ways has taken good part in the affairs of the community. Religiously he is a Baptist, and has been deacon of the local church of that denomination.

In November, 1888, he married Phoebe Ketring, who was born in Henry county, Ohio, daughter of Philip and Alida (North) Ketring, the former born in Henry county, Ohio, and her mother in Lucas county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chamberlin have had eleven children born to them, all of whom, however, are not now living. The children, in the order of their coming, were: Mary, who married Joseph Cogan, of Swanton, Ohio; John, now deceased; Grace, who married Frank Elton, of Swanton, Ohio; Thomas, deceased; Andrew, who married Mildred Dailey, of Delta, Ohio; Arthur N., who married Ethel Ywberg, of Lucas county, Ohio; George; Gertrude, deceased; Eva, deceased; Pansy; and Martha.

Robert H. Barnes, of Royalton, is a graduate from the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, in 1911, having spent four years there. For six years he taught school, being a teacher both before and after his course in college. In politics he is a republican, and his religious affiliation is with the Christian Church, in which he is an elder.

Mr. Barnes was born December 31, 1882, in Coshocton county, Ohio. He is a son of Isaac and Louise (Chase) Barnes. His parents now reside in Holmes county. In April, 1915, Mr. Barnes located in Fulton county. In May, 1912, he had married Miss Babel Holt, of Lyons, a daughter of Charles C. Holt. The children are: Gladys, Chester and Genevieve. He owns 100 acres of improved land, except about fifteen acres in timber and pasture. Mr. Barnes has all modern improvements and he has a herd of registered Holstein dairy cattle.

Frank Richard Harper, a native of Wauseon, and one of the most aggressive and enterprising of its younger men of business, is the owner of a substantial business in automobile repairs and supplies, and has shown much ingenuity and all-around ability during his last fifteen years or so of business effort. He is well-regarded generally in the city, is a member of the Wauseon Water Board, and assistant engineer of that plant, and has taken an active interest in many affairs of public character and of community bearing.

He was born in Wauseon in 1875, the son of W. J. and Martha (Linfoot) Harper. The family is of English origin, and later of Canadian connection. His father, W. J. Harper, was born in Canada, but for the greater part of his life was in independent business in Wauseon as a plumber and steamfitter. He married in Wauseon, and there his only child, Frank Richard, was born and reared.

Frank R. Harper attended the public schools of Wauseon, after passing through which he proceeded to Fayette College, from which he graduated in due course. Entering upon a business career, he associated with his father and learned the plumbing and heating trade. For two years he was foreman of plumbers and steamfitters for his father, after which, having resolved to enter separately into business, he opened for himself on Fulton street, Wauseon, building his own shop. As a plumbing and steamfitting contractor he continued in business in Wauseon for five years, with good success. But he was of enterprising and optimistic spirit, and saw better opportunities of success in the rapidly developing automobile industry. He had much mechanical ability, and soon was in good business in auto repairs and sales. He converted his old shop into a garage and repair shop in 1906, and it served his purpose until 1909, when the success that had come to him, and the indications of the future, influenced him in building the place he has since occupied, a build-

ing 50 by 150 feet. He drew the plans and superintended the building, doing much of it himself. His present business embraces the sale and repair of automobiles, the sale of accessories, including Firestone tires, oil, gasoline, et cetera. He has an up-to-date gasoline and oil service station, his trade being sufficient to warrant him to buy oil in tank-car lots. Altogether he has had a very satisfactory return upon his investment.

He has for some years shown an active interest in public affairs. Politically he is a republican in national politics. In local affairs he is independent, giving his support to the men he considers most capable. He is a member of the Wauseon Water Board, and also assistant engineer for that undertaking. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Wauseon Blue Lodge, and of the local Council and Chapter of that order. He also is affiliated with the Maccabees organization.

In March, 1899, he married Ada, daughter of W. T. S. and Ella (Dixon) Wilcox, of Wauseon. They have three children: Lowell, Clarence and Martella.

Charles Nathan Turpening. After several different business adventures Charles Nathan Turpening, of "Felus Creek Farm" in Swan Creek has returned to his first love and he is a farmer again. Mr. Turpening is the first born child in the family of Elmer and Mary Delilah (Warren) Turpening, and he was born February 7, 1885, in Swan Creek. His brothers and sisters are: Lois, wife of Henry Menser, of Swan Creek; Beulah, wife of Watson Lewis, of Swan Creek; Florence, wife of O. D. McKinley, of Cleveland; Jay, of Swan Creek; Maud, wife of Ford Enterman, of Toledo; Ruth and Cecil. The parents have lived on a farm in Swan Creek since their marriage, and the grandparents on both sides were all pioneer residents of Fulton county.

On September 15, 1914, Charles Nathan Turpening married Opal Elton. She is a daughter of William and Minerva (Robbins) Elton. While she was born in Swan Creek, her father is from England. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Turpening settled on a farm he already owned in Swan Creek, but one year later they removed to the Elton farm owned by William Elton. Mr. Turpening was a tenant here one year, when he removed to Delta and conducted a meat market, later engaging in the teaming business employed by the Turnbull-Wayne Company.

At this time the call to the farm was uppermost again, and for two years Mr. Turpening rented and then he bought the seventy-seven-acre tract in Swan Creek known as "Felus Creek Farm," which is his home today. The residence property in Delta was part of the consideration in this deal, and Mr. Turpening has remodeled the house and added the necessary farm buildings there. The land is all under cultivation but about five acres reserved for pasture. "Felus Creek Farm" is a well improved place, and general farming, with some attention given to thoroughbred livestock, is the order of the day there. Mr. Turpening has Holstein dairy cows and he has White Leghorn poultry.

Mr. Turpening holds membership in the Church of God. He is a republican and member of the County Republican Central Committee. He is trustee of Swan Creek. There are two children: Etta Vadys and Fern Louise.

BARNEY OLDFIELD. Despite the weird limitations of fame, so that no single celebrity in history is known to all the people all the time, it is safe to say that the name Barney Oldfield is and has been for years inevitably linked with the word automobile, constituting a degree of fame upon which even the vaulting ambition of a Caesar could hardly aspire.

As a driver and pilot in speed racing Barney Oldfield has been before the public for over twenty years. His life covers something more than forty years, and it is appropriate to note some of the early milestones in his career.

He was born on a farm three miles from Wauseon, Ohio, January 29, 1878, and just eleven years later the family moved to Toledo, where during 1890-91 he sold newspapers on the streets. During 1892 he worked as waterboy with a railroad section gang, and from his savings of sixty-five dollars bought his first "Advance" bicycle. During the next year he was employed as bell boy in the Boody House, and was diligently practicing on his "wheel" and on Decoration Day of 1894 won second place in an eighteen-mile road race. During 1895 he was appearing in a number of events as a bicycle racer, otherwise doing duty as an elevator boy. In that year he won two medals and a gold watch in Ohio state championships at Canton, and soon afterward began selling bicycles. By 1896 he was recognized as the bicycle race champion of Ohio, and then turned professional, and covered Ohio and Michigan as traveling sales representative of bicycle manufacturers. The two years following he campaigned as a racing man in season, and during the winter was employed as salesman and factory worker.

It was in 1899 that Barney Oldfield had his first experience with a machine driven by motor power. This was a gasoline motorcycle, and as a pilot he was soon ranked as an expert. During 1900, 1901 and 1902 he was a participant in nearly all the national events as a rider of bicycles and motorcycles.

Probably the most significant event in his entire career came in 1902, when he became associated with Tom Cooper, a former national bicycle champion with Henry Ford, an obscure engineer, Oldfield being the mechanic and later driver of two racing automobiles built from Ford's designs and financed by Cooper's money. Oldfield was a driver in a historic race, over a five-mile course, with the Ford "999." The place and date was September 21, 1902, on the Grosse Pointe track at Detroit, and the time 5:20 set a world record. The next year, 1903, Barney Oldfield drove the "999" at Indianapolis in 0:59 3-5, the first time the minute mark was ever broken on a one-mile circular course.

Since then on virtually every race course in the country Barney Oldfield has broken records and thrilled throngs, and with seventeen years of race driving to his credit he well deserves the title of "Master Driver," being the dean of all racers. As one critic has written: "He has seen three generations of drivers come out. race, and either retire or come to grief by the accident of the terribly dangerous sport. Barney Oldfield was more than a daredevil. He was a thinker—a student."

He has cut record after record, including the world's non-stop race record of 301 miles at Corona, California, with an average of 86½ miles an hour. In 1917 he set a record, still unbroken, on a mile tract at St. Louis, and with a series of distances ranging from one to fifty miles.

Barney Oldfield recently retired from racing. He has always

been a successful business man, and was financially independent long before he retired from racing. In 1919 he became president of the Oldfield Tire Company at Cleveland. The history of automobile racing proves that the great majority of accidents have been due not to faulty mechanism but to tire troubles, and for years Barney Oldfield has been a student of the tire problem, and in order to get his exacting specifications and experience translated into concrete results, he is now head of a tire company making a tire according to his personal standards, under his personal supervision, and bearing his name as a personal guarantee.

"The unusual progress of the Oldfield Tire Company has been one of the miracles of the tire industry. The company has been in actual operation a little more than a year, and in this short time has passed more than eighty-five per cent of its competitors in volume of business. To cap the climax, on May 21, 1920, Oldfield tires equipped the cars finishing 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8 in the Indianapolis 500-mile speedway race. The winner of the race finished without a single tire change, the first time in history that any tire has been able to accomplish this wonderful feat. Mr. Oldfield considers this victory of his tire as even more significant than any of the record-breaking performances in which he participated as a driver."

While he spends a great deal of time in Cleveland, he has made his residence in Los Angeles for ten years. He is a member of the Elks, and politically a republican. He married in Chicago, Illinois, in November, 1904, Bessy Gooby, a native of Alameda, California. They have no children.

Otto E. Funkhouser, partner and manager of the Wauseon firm of Harrison and Funkhouser Brothers, clothiers, haberdashers and shoe dealers, the fine store of which company is probably the largest of its kind in Wauseon, has, because of the death of his partners, become solely responsible for the continuance of the business. That he has shown himself to be a good business man is evident by the place the firm has among the more responsible of the retail merchants of Wauseon. He is quite a young man, with the best part of his business career still before him, and as he is conducting an extensive business with marked ability, it is reasonable to assume that he will for many years hold a high place among the business people of Wauseon and Fulton county.

He was born in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1888, the son of J. U. and Anna (Weber) Funkhouser. The family is of Swiss origin, his father having come to America from Berne Canton, Switzerland, when only thirteen years old. He must have been a boy of strong purpose and courageous spirit, for he came alone, and he applied himself resolutely to farm work in German Township, Fulton county, finally saving sufficient money to acquire a property for himself in that township. His farm was 115 acres in extent, and it yielded him and his family a comfortable living. He was well-known to many Wauseon and Fulton county families, and has a worthy reputation in his own township. He died on January 29, 1919, mourned by a large family and a host of friends. His wife, Anna (Weber) Funkhouser, is still living. She and her husband were the parents of fourteen children, ten sons and four daughters, and eleven of the children are living.

Otto E. was the thirteenth born of their fourteen children. He was reared under wholesome conditions and rugged environment. While still a young boy his summers were spent in farming occupa-

tions, and in the winters he attended the country school. Having in his twentieth year resolved to give up farming and enter commercial life, where he thought better opportunities for advancement lay, young Funkhouser obtained a position in a dry goods store in Archbold. He was only a short while in that store, but as a clerk in Vanderbrock's clothing store in Napoleon, Ohio, he remained for four years, coming to Wauseon in 1912. He had been of steady habits, and had saved some money by his service of the previous four years, and was able in 1912 to purchase a one-third interest in the clothing and gent's furnishings business of E. H. Harrison of Wauseon. His brother, Fred Funkhouser, also acquired a like interest in the business, the firm under the reorganization taking the trading name of Harrison and Funkhouser Brothers, by which it has since been known. The three partners worked in the store for a while, but in December, 1912, Mr. Harrison died, and the business was thereafter conducted by the two brothers Funkhouser, the Harrison family, however, holding their interest. So the business went on until January, 1918, when Fred Funkhouser also died, leaving Otto E. in control of and responsible for the business. But matters were much complicated by the fact that Otto was at that time in military service, having been drafted in the United States Army in the previous September, the first year of the war. His military record is briefly stated as follows: Drafted September 6, 1917; was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio, where he remained for almost a year; thence to Camp Humphrey's, near Washington, District of Columbia, where he served until discharged on February 6, 1919. Returning to Wauseon soon after being honorably discharged from the army, he immediately took up the direction of the store business, and has since conducted it with marked success. Today the store draws a good portion of the city trade, and has an extensive country trade.

John W. Shetler. One of the men who has won the respect and approval of his fellow citizens for his uprightness and Christian courage under affliction is John W. Shetler, one of the farmers of German Township, well known throughout Fulton county as a local preacher of the Brethren Church. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1843. His father, a native of Germany, came from that country when he was seventeen years old to the United States, and after some time spent at Chicago, Illinois, he located in Richland county, Ohio, where he worked at blacksmithing. Still later he moved to Franklin Township, Fulton county, where he spent the remainder of his useful life. He and his wife had nine children.

John W. Shetler attended the McLaughlin School during the winter months until he was twenty-two years of age. During the summer months he helped his father cultivate his farm of 100 acres. From the time he was twenty-two until he was twenty-five he hired out to farmers, and then, deciding to found a home of his own, he was married to Sarah Jane Bigbee, of German Township, the ceremony taking place in 1869. They became the parents of four children, three of whom survive, namely: Elva, who married Arthur Gunsalus, of Franklin Township, Fulton county, has two children; Frank, who married Emma Geesey, has three children, and lives in Fulton county; and Ora, who married Ernest Stine. The child who died, at the age of seventeen years, was Ida May.

After his marriage Mr. Shetler bought his present farm of fifty-seven acres and here he has carried on general farming ever since.

Mr. Shetler has been a great sufferer and lost his right arm as a result of an operation, but he has endured his affliction with a patience and fortitude which have proven that he has been supported by his religion, and this is a convincing argument in favor of Christianity, that he oftentimes uses in his sermons with telling force. For many years he has been a member of the Brethren Church, which he is now serving as trustee, and his work in its behalf as a local preacher cannot be over-estimated. In simple words and real eloquence he addresses his congregations, and his sincerity and deep conviction of the truth of his message bring many to a realization of their duty to their Maker and themselves, when, perhaps, a college-bred man who did not know them or their needs would receive scant attention.

William A. Leininger, who is one of the representative and well-to-do agriculturists of Fulton county, is the owner of one of the largest farming properties in the vicinity of German Township. Furthermore, the Leininger family is placed among the pioneer families of that township. Mr. Leininger is a native of the township, has lived practically sixty years therein and is of the third generation of the family to have had residence within the borders of Fulton county. The family record through three generations of residence in German Township is an estimable one, and the personal record of William A. Leininger is all that could be desired of a scion of one of the pioneer families of the county. He has followed manly occupations and useful production since early manhood, has shown much skill and forethought as a farmer, and his farming has been extensive and consequential. Throughout his life he has maintained a helpful public spirit, has undertaken the duties of several of the local offices, and has been a consistent and earnest church worker. He owns 325 acres of good agricultural land, the result of commendable enterprise and of persistent well-directed industry.

William A. Leininger was born in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, on April 5, 1861, the son of Frederick and Eva (Lenhardt) Leininger. Frederick Leininger, father of William A., was born in the canton of Monchhofen unter Elsass, although he was only six years old when he came with his parents to America. His father soon after landing came into Fulton county and bought government land in German Township. It was wild timber land. Grandfather Leininger, the pioneer and progenitor of the Leininger family in America, gave most of his life to the hard, rigorous pioneering work necessary to bring that timber land into good cultivation. And as his son Fredrick grew, so his work became more effective, for the son ably aided his father in the bringing of the land into good tillage. Frederick Leininger married Eva Lenhardt, from Munnichberg, Bairen.

Their son William A. in his boyhood was afforded the customary education then possible in the sparsely settled parts of the county. The instruction was necessarily limited, and as he passed through life he supplemented his early instruction in academics considerably. However, a comprehensive education was not in those days considered of such vital importance as it is deemed nowadays, and William entered upon the serious occupations of life moderately satisfied with what schooling he had been able to obtain and confident that he could succeed in life. From the time he left school until he was twenty-two years old he assisted his father in the work

of the home farm, and then, having married and wishing to become established in a home of his own, he rented the farm of 120 acres, the property he now owns in German Township. Three years later he removed to Ridgeville Township, Henry county, where he bought a farm of forty acres, which he still owns. After three years of somewhat successful farming at Ridgeville Township he returned to Fulton county, taking up the farm he had formerly. Then followed another move into Henry county, and another return to German Township, in each case to the same farm that he had formerly occupied. Then he bought the Leininger family homestead and also the farm he had been renting, thus becoming the owner of quite an extensive farm holding in these days of highly paid labor. He has been ably assisted by his sons, four of whom have now passed their twenty-first year. Still Mr. Leininger has always been known to be a hard worker, and his success in life has been mainly due to his indefatigable application to whatever task has come to him for execution. Latterly he has taken life less strenuously, his sons taking over the burden of the farm management.

Mr. Leininger is an independent democrat in politics, and he has followed local affairs quite closely. He was township trustee in Henry county for more than seven years, until he resigned the office and for eight years he has held like capacity in German Township in Fulton county. Religiously he is a Lutheran, member of the local German Lutheran Church and a good supporter thereof.

In 1883 William A. Leininger married Katherine Broadbeck, daughter of John and Barbry Broadbeck, who owned a farm adjoining that of his father in German Township. They have had six children, all of whom they have reared to manhood and womanhood. Five of their children are sons, the six children in order of birth being: Emile J. F., who is now thirty-four years old; Edward A., now thirty-two years old; Joseph G., thirty years of age; Gustave Franklin, twenty-two years of age, who is now a veteran of the World war, having remained in active service for eight months. He was not destined to see service overseas, but rendered loyal service under the less attractive home conditions. From Wauseon he was sent to Camp Sherman, where for eight months he remained as a member of the Thirtieth Company, Eighth Training Battalion, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Depot Brigade, subsequently being transferred, in the grade of corporal, to the Motor Transport Corps, which branch of the service was kept constantly at work after the demobilization of the greater part of the troops in home camps. However, on May 5, 1919, Corp. Gustave Franklin Leininger received honorable discharge from service. William A., Jr., is the youngest son of Mr. Leininger. The daughter, Clara, twenty, married Clarence Rice, of Ridgeville Township, Henry county, Ohio.

Jacob C. Leu. Although now living retired at Elmira, Jacob C. Leu has been very prominently identified with agricultural activities in Fulton county, and still retains valuable farm lands in this region. He was born on a farm three miles east of Elmira on April 29, 1867, a son of Bernhardt and Anna (Wanner) Leu.

While still a young man Bernhardt Leu left Switzerland, where he was born and reared, and came to the United States, arriving here in 1854 and locating in German Township, Fulton county, Ohio, found employment working at his trade of a carpenter. Marrying in 1865, he decided to found a permanent home and bought eighty acres of land in German Township, on which he spent

the remainder of his life, which was terminated by death in 1900. He returned to Switzerland twice for the purpose of visiting his parents, but both times came back to his American interests. His widow survived him until 1910, when she too passed away. They had two children, namely: Jacob C. and George A., the latter of whom lives at Archbold, Ohio.

Until he was sixteen years old Jacob C. Leu attended King School, District No. 1, although only a few months each year during the winter season, for he had to work on the farm the rest of the time. Farming was different in those days from what it is now, when machinery does so much of the work that then had to be carried on by hand, and the farmer boys could not be spared during the months when the crops had to be planted, cultivated and harvested, and so the majority of them received but scant educational training, but they made the most of their opportunities.

Mr. Leu was united in marriage with Katy Baumgardner, a daughter of Samuel and Barbara Baumgardner, and she died in 1898, leaving two daughters and one son. After her death in 1900, Mr. Leu was married to Rebecca Leininger, a daughter of John J. and Katie (Krauss) Leininger, of Archbold, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Leu have three children, namely: Ruth Leuetta and Lillian Irene, who are living, and Cora Edith, who died in May, 1905, when twenty months old.

After his first marriage Mr. Leu conducted the home farm for two years, and then spent five years on the Baumgardner farm. In 1898 Mr. Leu returned to his family homestead and farmed it for two years, when he went back to the Baumgardner farm and conducted it for eleven years. He then retired from farm life, but still owns 125 acres of valuable land. Moving to Elmira, he conducted a grocery in that village for a year, when he decided to give up all business interests and enjoy the fruits of his labors. His handsome residence at Elmira is owned by him and is one of the best in the place.

Strong in his support of the democratic party, he was elected on its ticket a trustee of German Township and was re-elected twice, serving in all for nine years. He was also on the School Board of that same township for four years, and for the same length of time was chairman of the Farmers' Institute of German Township. During the late war he was a member of the War Chest Committee of German Township; of the Fourth and Victory Loan Committees and also the War Savings Committee, and rendered his government valuable service through his patriotic endeavors. Mr. Leu, in addition to his farm, owns stock in the Mutual Telephone Company, and has served on some of its committees. A man of unusual ability, he has directed his efforts toward securing for his community the benefits of new ideas in civic reform and government, and is proud of the progress already made, and hopeful of still further advancement.

James O'Neal. While James O'Neal, of Metamora, seems to be one generation ahead of William O'Neal, whose early family story dates back to the same beginning, the William O'Neal story happened to be copied first, and thus it is a "Twice Told Tale" in the end. The name O'Neal at once suggests Ireland, and while James O'Neal was born in Toledo in 1856, he is a son of Thomas and Mary (Brady) O'Neal, while the story is also told by William O'Neal, who is their grandson.

In the way of resume, Thomas O'Neal, the immigrant, was married in Buffalo to a young woman from the Emerald Isle, the same as himself, and in 1851 he came as a laborer to Delta. Fulton county was organized in 1850, and thus the O'Neals were pioneers in the community. This young settler helped to build the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroads, finally investing in a farm in Amboy. Here they ended their days. Thomas O'Neal, who relates the story, was their oldest son. His brothers are: John, deceased; Michael and William of Amboy; and Martin, of Royalton.

It was on St. Valentine's Day, 1882, that Lucy M. Houghton became the bride of James O'Neal. She was born in Amboy, a daughter of Daniel and Minerva (Gale) Houghton. The parents were from New York State. Mr. O'Neal began farm activities on a quarter section of land in Amboy. It was all in timber and he cleared and improved it. He erected a modern brick farm house with other buildings in keeping with it. He added to the farm from time to time until he had 240 acres under cultivation. Later he sold an eighty from it.

Mr. O'Neal continued in active farm management until 1917, when his mantle descended to the shoulders of a son, and he now lives in retirement in Metamora. After leaving common school as a young man Mr. O'Neal attended Wauseon High School one year, and he has given two terms to the service of Amboy Township as a school trustee. Since 1899 he has filled the office of justice of the peace, elected by the democratic party.

Mr. O'Neal was a teacher in public school from the time he was twenty until he was forty—twenty years of continuous service, "Teaching the young idea how to shoot." The children born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal are: Minerva, wife of Eugene Miller, Jasper, Michigan; William, who operates the farm; and Nina Belle, wife of Samuel Ottgen. The family belongs to the Catholic Church in Carrigan, Ohio.

His comfortable surroundings at Metamora today are an appropriate environment for a man whose life has been one of so much activity as Mr. O'Neal. Clearing up the timber, cultivating the fields, extending his possessions and his work as a farmer, and in the intervals of this busy employment teaching school, Mr. O'Neal has indeed discharged well his debt to the world and has earned the honors that accompany him into old age.

Clayton Henry Huffman, a saddler by trade, and possessing a good business in harness in the City of Wauseon, Ohio, is also conducting an up-to-date and profitable business in auto supplies, accessories and tires, having acquired the business formerly conducted at the J. R. Blizzard Harness Shop, 224 South Fulton Street, Wauseon.

Clayton H. Huffman was born in Evansport, Defiance county, Ohio, February 15, 1882, the son of Henry E. and Mary E. (Gromiller) Huffman. The family is of German origin, but has been resident in America for three generations. Henry Huffman, grandfather of Clayton H., was born in Germany, and came to America, and to Seneca county, Ohio, in early manhood. He was one of the pioneers of the section, and passed his life in agricultural pursuits, married, and became the father of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. He moved eventually to Williams county, Ohio, having purchased in that county a farm of 260 acres, upon which he lived for the remainder of his life, which was a long one, he

being ninety-seven years old in the year of his death. His son Henry E., father of Clayton H., was the fifth born of his eight children, and although he farmed in his early years, he was for many years a hardware merchant, in business at Sherwood, Ohio. He died in 1902, aged fifty-four years. To Henry E. and Mary E. (Gromiller) Huffman were born five children, of whom Clayton Henry was fourth. He was given a high school education, attending the Stryker, Ohio, school, and also that of Sherwood, Ohio. When seventeen years old he went to Albion, Michigan, to learn the trade of harnessmaking. Next he lived in Hudson, Michigan, for two years, working there at his trade. Then for a short time he was in South Bend as a journeyman. In following his trade for the next few years he traveled extensively. For a year he was in Stryker, Ohio, then followed eight months at Davenport, Iowa, then a short time at Texarkana, Texas, thence to St. Louis, Missouri, then to Orville, Ohio, then to Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years, then to Bath, New York, then to Watertown of the same state, from there to Scranton, Pennsylvania, back again to New York State, to Bath, then to Bryan, Ohio, after two years at which place he came to Wauseon. That was in 1906, when he entered the employ of C. F. Stotzer, for whom he worked for three years, following which he returned to Bryan, Ohio, for eighteen months, after which he again came to Wauseon, and spent another two years with Mr. Stotzer, after which he entered independently into business, having acquired the harness and saddlery business of J. R. Blizzard at 224 South Fulton street. As before stated, the scope of the business done by Mr. Huffman is extensive and is bringing him good return. His wife is of a Wauseon family, he has a comfortable home and a good business, so that there is every reason to suppose that although in the past his business has drawn him to many widely separated parts of the United States, he will probably spend many years in Wauseon, probably the remainder of his business life. He has many friends in Wauseon, is well-regarded generally, and has manifested sound, responsible citizenship and an interest in the community.

Politically Mr. Huffman is a republican. He is a Congregationalist by religious conviction, being a member of the local Congregational Church, and a generous supporter thereof, and he is identified with local lodges of the Masonic order, holding membership in the Wauseon Blue Lodge.

In 1911 he married Belle, daughter of Willard and Margaret (Powell) Pugh, of Wauseon. They have three children: Willard Henry, who was born in 1913; Richard Earl, born 1916; and George William, who was born in 1917.

Herbert Ferdinand Dimke, one of the substantial business men of Wauseon, sole owner of "The Fair," which is one of the leading dry goods and general merchandise houses of the city, and which has an extensive trade throughout the county, is a man whose record in business and public life is a commendable one. He has been actively and successfully in independent business in Wauseon for twenty years, and has been a member of the City Council for two terms.

He was born in Archbold, Ohio, in 1875, the son of John F. and Mary (Probeck) Dimke. The Dimke family is of German origin, but for three generations has been resident in the United States. Karl Dimke, grandfather of Herbert F., lived in his early manhood

in Obernick, near Posen, and at one time was the burgomaster of that place. He was a man of the people, a farmer and smith by trade, and as he was in public life and eventually came to America, it is more than possible that it was political exigency that influenced him in immigrating. Karl Dimke landed in Point Levis, having crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel. He had a large family, eight boys and two girls, and although at the outset he settled in Toledo, he eventually removed to Archbold, where he set up a smithy and lived for the remainder of his life. He died in 1891. John F. Dimke, the eighth child born to Karl Dimke, was also born in Germany but has lived practically his whole life in America, he being quite young when his parents came to America. He married in Toledo, and is still living in Wauseon. To John F. and Mary (Probeck) Dimke were born five children, of whom three still live.

Herbert F. is their eldest living child, having been born in Archbold in 1875. He was educated at the public schools of Archbold and Wauseon, later taking the business course at Ada University. Prior to taking the business course at the University, however, he had worked for six years. He graduated with the class of 1897, and for two years thereafter was in the employ of Eager Green and Company at Wauseon. In 1900 he ventured into independent business. He had been of thrifty habits, showed commendable steadiness and much aptitude for commercial affairs. It was therefore not altogether a venture when he embarked in business for himself. He opened the notion store called "The Fair," on the corner of Fulton and Elm streets, Wauseon, and at the outset had one room only. Steadily he expanded his business, and always solidly, until it grew to its present dimensions, requiring three spacious sales rooms, one block deep, with a stock room 68 by 120 feet above. He has of late years found constant employment for ten people, and enjoys an extensive trade, having a large country as well as city trade.

Mr. Dimke has also other business interests, and has proved himself to be a man of good moral as well as business integrity. That he has a good reputation, generally, in Wauseon is evident by his election and re-election to the Wauseon City Council. He has also been prominently identified with the functioning of the local branch of the Knights of Pythias order, of which he holds the grade of past chancellor. He has often represented the local body at the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the order. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church, showing a commendable interest in the maintenance of the church. Politically he is a republican.

Mr. Herbert F. Dimke, in 1900, married Ophelia Lucille, daughter of Dr. F. L. S. and Minnie (Waid) Derby, of Wauseon, Ohio. They have three children: Florence Margaret, who is now a junior in the high school; Frank Herbert, who was born in 1907; and Charles Robert, who was born in 1916. The family home is a bright one, and they have many friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dimke taking good part in community affairs.

Nelle Biddle Petteys. While her married life has been largely spent in Florida, Nelle Biddle Petteys represents several families widely known in Fulton county, and both she and her husband are deeply interested in Fulton county people and also have property interests here.

Nelle M. Biddle was born March 15, 1876, at Delta, being a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Watkins) Biddle, and granddaughter of George and Nancy (Lawrence) Biddle and John and Margaret

(South) Watkins. The Biddle and Watkins families came out of Wayne county, Ohio, and were pioneers of Fulton county. Jacob Biddle, who for many years owned a farm in Swan Creek Township and took high rank among the successful farmers of Fulton county, died at Delta February 7, 1885. The old homestead is still in the possession of the family. Mr. Biddle was also for several years in the hardware business at Delta. He was survived nearly thirty years by his good wife, who passed away May 22, 1914, at the family home on Providence street in Delta. She was well known socially and for her interested part in the many community affairs of town and county.

A graduate of the Delta High School Nelle M. Biddle also continued her education at Oberlin College. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and still retains her membership in the Criterion Club of Delta. All the family were Methodists.

After her mother's death she went to Florida and on February 9, 1915, became the wife of Daniel H. Petteys of McIntosh, Florida. However, Mr. Petteys was born at Tontogany, Ohio, May 28, 1873, son of John and Emma (Kuder) Petteys and grandson of Daniel H. Petteys, one of the early settlers at Delta. John Petteys for many years was in the milling business. Going to Florida in 1883, he continued in the same line as a manufacturer of orange shipping boxes. He lived in Florida until his death in 1905, and his widow is still a resident of McIntosh. Daniel H. Petteys was reared and educated in Florida and assisted his father in the orange box business. The "freeze of 1895" practically ruined the orange business for a number of years and incidentally the orange box industry. From a manufacturer he became an employe of the Southern Express Company, and after the death of his father returned to McIntosh and became manager of the McIntosh Telephone Company. Since 1910 he has been postmaster of McIntosh. Mr. and Mrs. Petteys have two daughters, Mrs. May Petteys Waters and Cora E. Petteys.

Every summer Mrs. Nelle Petteys returns north to Delta, where she gives her personal attention to family property interests, and her return to the social life of the community is also welcomed.

John T. Williams, who for almost twenty years has been one of the responsible residents of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, having since 1901 lived in comfortable circumstances in the town, is characteristically a man of abundant energy, and during his long period of agricultural labors has lived in many states. Although now nearing octogenarian age, and independently placed financially he still is comparatively active, day by day, to which commendable trait he may probably attribute his continuance in good health.

He was born in December, 1843, in Rushville, Indiana, the son of George and Rebecca Williams. The Williams family is originally Welsh, in which principality its family record goes back clearly to the time of the Roman occupation of Britain. The branch to which John T. Williams of Delta, Ohio, belongs appears to have been well established in Virginia in colonial times, and in that state George Williams, father of John T. was born. George Williams and his wife were, however, early settlers in Indiana, where he followed the occupation of most pioneers. In 1857 the family moved to Edgar county, Illinois, and there George Williams died. Their son John T., who was thirteen years old when they removed from Indiana,

had grown to manhood before the time of his father's death, soon after which sad bereavement the family moved to Otoe county, Nebraska, where John T. homesteaded eighty acres of prairie land, which during the succeeding years he appreciably improved. His mother died in Lincoln, Nebraska, but he continued to live on his homestead. In 1875 he went to Washington territory, where for about a year he lived a hardy life, herding sheep. He was a man of self-reliant, independent spirit, inured to hardships, and, withal, a good farmer. In 1876 he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the centennial celebrations, after viewing which he returned to Nebraska and took over the management of 380 acres of land near Lincoln of that state. Three years later he went into Kansas, where he herded sheep near Lacon, and for one year worked as a section hand on the railroad. Next he spent two years farming near Marysville, Kansas, after which he came into Ohio. That was in 1881, since which time he has lived in the state, and for the greater part of the time has followed agricultural pursuits. For many years he had the management of a good farming property situated at Napoleon, Henry county, and belonging to Dexter Woods of that place, and after the death of the latter he readily found employment on the John Lutton farm south of Delta. He lived a steady life, was provident, and during the many years of steady work accumulated a competence, so that in 1901, when he came to live in Delta and purchased a fine residence situated in a plot of three acres, he to all intents and purposes retired from strenuous labors, although as a matter of fact he has since that time found himself undertaking even arduous tasks upon his property and in helping neighbors. Having always lived an active life, he found retirement irksome, and as the years have passed he has generally been able to find a way of keeping himself sufficiently employed, and generally those tasks have been useful and practical.

Politically Mr. Williams is a democrat, although he has not interested himself actively in political movements. He has taken a closer interest in local affairs than in national, but has never been much drawn by politics. In voting for local offices he has generally considered the individual more than he has the party. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, and religiously he is a Methodist, member of the local Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1894 he married Rachel Quick, who was born near Wooster, Ohio. They have one child, a daughter, Cora, who married Archie Miller, but latterly has lived with her parents.

John H. Lippy. While now retired and enjoying the comforts of a fine modern home in Fayette, John H. Lippy spent many active and strenuous years cutting timber and brush, clearing up and subduing some tracts and parcels of land he owned partly in Williams and partly in Fulton county, and it was only a year or so ago that he gave up the personal supervision of his farming interests and satisfied himself with the comforts of his town home.

Mr. Lippy was born in Mill Creek Township of Williams county June 14, 1858, a son of Jacob and Lydia Ann (Lyon) Lippy. His parents were Pennsylvanians and were married after they came to Williams county, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their days. His father died in 1909, at the age of eighty-four, and his mother in 1903, aged seventy.

When John H. Lippy was a boy he attended the common schools,

and from early manhood it was his ambition to make a home and express his service to the world as a farmer. He has always borne the reputation of being hard working and industrious, and a man who has attended strictly to his own affairs, though keenly alive to community interests. While in the country he served as school director and as road supervisor.

On January 8, 1881, he married Mary Gamber, a native of Williams county and daughter of George W. and Mary Ann (Miller) Gamber. Her father was a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, and her mother of New York State. Mr. Lippy after his marriage moved to forty acres he owned in Mill Creek Township of Williams county. He farmed that place thoroughly, and from time to time bought other land until he had 120 acres, with forty acres in Gorham Township of Fulton county. For over thirty-five years the farm was the scene of his enterprise, and during that time he cleared much of the land, put up modern buildings, and became known as an extensive cattle feeder and breeder of draft horses. In the spring of 1918 Mr. Lippy sold the eighty acres he owned in Williams county and still retains his forty acres in Fulton county. Mr. Libby is a democrat in politics. He and his family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lippy have one daughter, Grace, now Mrs. Dorson Ford, living at Fayette.

David Morningstar, owner of the Ford Sales Company, of Wauseon, Ohio, dealers in and agents for the Ford cars, authorized sales agents, and having a good business in repairs, accessories, tires, etc., has been coming to the fore in the city during the last few years. He is a man of confident bearing and of good understanding of the world, having traveled widely during his years of business activity, and has proved himself to be a good business man.

He was born in Hamburg, Province of Ontario, Canada, the family having lived in Canada for some generations, although originally the American progenitor of this branch of the German family came from Hanover, Germany, to the United States, settling near Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania. This pioneer, Benjamin Morningstar, was of mature age when he immigrated from Germany, but for many years farmed in Pennsylvania, where he raised a family. His son, Benjamin, grandfather of David Morningstar of Wauseon, farmed with his father in Pennsylvania, but eventually went into Canada, settling in Ontario province, where he farmed for the remainder of his life, and raised a family of eleven children, Jesse, father of David, being the tenth-born. Jesse Morningstar was educated in Canadian schools, but was not in Canada for long afterwards. He came into the United States, and to Franklin county, Pennsylvania. In Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, he married, and there for some years he was in business. He was a machinist of marked ability, an inventor, and in partnership with Daniel Geyser, founded some machine shops well-known in Pennsylvania before the Civil war, under the name of his partner. Eventually Jesse Morningstar sold his interest in the Geyser shops to his partner, and again went into Canada, settling in Hamburg, a German settlement, in the Province of Ontario. There he built a machine shop for the manufacture of boilers and engines, and threshing machinery. He developed a substantial business, but his plant was gutted by fire, the catastrophe being a total loss to him, as he carried no insurance. However, he was a man of strong purpose, and some substance, and notwithstand-

ing his heavy loss, here built the plant quickly, although he incurred heavy financial liability in doing so. He made a valiant effort to re-establish his business again, but the incubus of debt was too great, and eventually he was compelled to sell the business. He brought his family into the United States, and settled in Ohio, three miles south of Archbold, Fulton county, where he purchased a farm of 120 acres. Later, he came to Wauseon, and commenced the building of a threshing machine factory, at Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio. Three years later, he sold that plant, and retired altogether from business activities. He died in July, 1913.

David Morningstar, son of Jesse and Martha (Spangler) Morningstar, was only two years old when his parents brought him from his native place, Hamburg, Ontario, Canada, to Archbold, Ohio, near which place his father had bought a farm. There he grew to manhood, attending the district school nearest to the parental farm during the winter, and during the summer assisting his father in the working of the property. When he had reached the age of thirteen years he went to work in the stove factory at Archbold, and in that work passed the next five years. For two years thereafter, he gave all his time to his father, in operating the home farm, after which he spent a short time in Canada, visiting his old home, and later for about eighteen months was in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the machine shops formerly owned by his father. There he learned the machinist's trade. Returning to Ohio, he spent the next two years in association with his father who at that time was in Napoleon, busy with the affairs of his threshing machine enterprise. After his father sold that business and retired from business, David returned to Pennsylvania, and for eight months was foreman in the Heading Factory, at Cross Forks, Allen county, of that state. Eventually he returned to Ohio, and came to Wauseon to live. That was in 1901, the next five years being spent in satisfactory employment as foreman of the Barrel Heading Factory in Wauseon. In 1906 he entered the employ of the Van Camp Packing Company, as boxmaker at their Wauseon plant. A year later he had a change of employment, working for a while in a Wauseon machine shop. Then followed his first essay into independent business, for eight months handling automobile repairs, although at that time he had no shop of his own. Although he took salaried employment thereafter, it was always connected with the automobile business, and eventually led to his being comfortably established in his own business. For four years he worked as foreman for John A. Crow, who owned an automobile machine shop in Wauseon; and for two years he remained in like capacity with Elmer Upp, successor to John A. Crow. At the end of that period he himself purchased the business, and conducted it very successfully, for five years, at 123 Commercial street, Wauseon, under the name of the Wauseon Garage and Machine Shop. At the end of that time, having gained the means wherewith to do so, he extended his business activities considerably, establishing the Ford Sales Company, with salesrooms at 138 Chestnut street, Wauseon, where he has since 1918 maintained a modern sales centre, one that has been stated to be the most modern and one of the largest in northwestern Ohio. His building has ground floor space of 207 by 64 feet, and his trading embraces the local sales of Ford cars, as well as an efficient repairs and gas service station, and he had a large business in auto accessories and tires, handling the Goodyear, Goodrich, and Lee products. His Chestnut

street business was such that, in January, 1919, he sold his original business situated on Commercial street, so that he might be free to give his whole time to the rapidly growing Ford Sales Company he had established in the previous year. He has every prospect of doing very well in that business, and has this in his favor, that he gives prompt and good service at the lowest price possible.

Politically he is an independent, but has not given indication of a desire to actively interest himself in politics. By religious conviction he is a Baptist and is a member of the local church of that denomination. His enterprise, industry, and personal steadiness, have brought him good repute and many friends since he has lived in Wauseon, and he has always been a good neighbor and responsible loyal citizen. He married, in 1906, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Minnie Ludeman, of Napoleon, Ohio. They have one child, a daughter, Eileen Elizabeth.

Homer Otha Wagner. Deeds are thoughts crystallized, and according to their brilliancy do we judge the worth of a man to the country which produced him, and in his work we expect to find the true index to his character. The study of the life of the representative American never fails to offer much of pleasing interest and valuable instruction. The subject of this review is a worthy representative of that type of American character and of that progressive spirit which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. He has earnestly done his part as a farmer and as an intelligent citizen of his community and is deservedly held in high esteem in his locality.

Homer Otha Wagner was born in Clinton Township, Fulton county, on December 23, 1892, and is the son of James Calvin and Lilly (Serrick) Wagner. His paternal grandfather, John Wagner, was a native of Germany, where he was reared to manhood, when he came to the United States and settled in Fulton county on a tract of government land, and there he devoted himself to the strenuous task of clearing the land and creating a home. He devoted his entire life here to agricultural pursuits and reared a family of ten children. His son, James C., has lived in this section practically all his life and followed farming during his active years, but is now retired from active labor.

Homer O. Wagner was reared at home and secured his education in the Olive Branch School in Clinton Township, followed by attendance at the Wauseon High School. Then for about a year he was employed as a farm hand by a neighbor, at the end of which time he rented eighty acres of land and for a year conducted farming operations on his own account. His father's advancing age and desire to relinquish the active management of the home farm, necessitated the subject's return home and since then he has had the entire management and operation of his mother's home place. He carries on general farming operations and has been very successful. He is thoroughly practical in his work, exercising sound judgment and excellent discrimination and is well known as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist.

In 1916 Mr. Wagner was married to Edna Snyder, the daughter of Valentine and Eura (Fouty) Snyder, of Clinton Township. Politically, Mr. Wagner is an earnest supporter of the democratic party, but takes no very active part in political affairs. He is a member of the State Grange. He possesses a strong social nature and by

his genial and kindly attitude to those with whom he comes in contact he has won the confidence and respect of everyone.

William Godfrey Theobald, general manager and stockholder of the American Woodworking Company, successors to the Archbold Veneered Sash and Door Company, is one of the consequential men of affairs of Archbold. He is an able executive, an able organizer, and an enterprising yet conservative and stable man of business. Besides his official connection with the American Woodworking Company, he is identified with the Buckeye State Manufacturing Company of Archbold. Although his part in the development of the town has been mainly in the indirect, yet important way of giving close attention to the expansion of industrial concerns with which he is interested, he has nevertheless given clear indication in the past that he is of public-spirited inclination. He has furthered by generous support many local projects of civic, church or social consequence to the community, and has given some time to the civic administration, having served one term as councilman. Generally he is a man of good repute in his home town. He was born in the family homestead near Archbold, the son of Valentine and Barbara (Miller) Theobald, in both paternal and maternal lines coming of families of long residence in Fulton county. He was reared in the wholesome environment of country life, and as a boy attended the local public school. He remained in school until he had passed the eighth grade when he resolved to qualify properly for a commercial career. His early business experience was in the capacity of traveling salesman. In 1907, however, he returned to Archbold, and took executive capacity in the office of the Archbold Grain Separator Company, continuing as bookkeeper for that corporation for about twelve months. For the next year he was bookkeeper for the Vernier and McLaughlin Company of Archbold, and head clerk of that company for four years. Then he formed partnership with Mr. R. Bernheisel, and the two acquired the plant and business of the Archbold Sash and Door Company. Mr. Theobald holds the responsibility of the general management of its affairs. It would not be a misstatement to state that the present standing of the company is in great measure due to the executive and general business ability of its manager, Mr. Theobald, who devotes his time and thought almost exclusively to its affairs. He is careful, painstaking and thorough in most things, and following his general characteristics he probably insists upon an equal thoroughness in the product of the plant. He is also officially connected with another Archbold industrial concern, the Buckeye State Manufacturing Company, of which he is secretary. And as a business man he is now placed among the representative business men of Fulton county.

His interest in Archbold, his native place has always been manifest in his views and statements. And his general actions have been that of a public-spirited man. He has in many ways contributed to the welfare of the community, and would in all probability take even more active part in public affairs were it not for the business duties and responsibilities he has in connection with the rapidly expanding affairs of the corporations with which he is officially connected. He did, however, serve one term as councilman, and he has in other ways done much for the betterment of the town. Politically he is a republican. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, member of the Archbold encampment, and also to a Cleveland encampment,

and by religious conviction he is a member of the Reformed Church. During the recent World war he was active and earnest in co-operating with the local efforts to secure the proper subscription of the various national funds raised for the purposes of the nation in the war, and during that trying time proved himself to be a worthy patriotic citizen.

In 1909 he married Alice Britsch, daughter of H. G. and Anna (Kutzli) Britsch, of Archbold. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Theobald was a school teacher in the Archbold public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Theobald have one child, a daughter, Clarice Rosa, who was born in 1912. Both Mr. and Mrs. Theobald have very many friends in Archbold, and in the years that have passed have taken good part in social and church activities in the borough.

Conrad Reichhardt. The Reichhardt family story was transferred from Germany to the United States in 1883 when Mrs. Catharine Reichhardt and two sons came from Germany. Conrad Reichhardt of Amboy was one of the sons. He was born November 20, 1875, at Hestine, Germany. His father was Paul Reichhardt and he died in Germany. Two sisters of Conrad Reichhardt had married and come to America in advance of their mother and she and the sons joined them in Wauseon.

The mother and boys soon moved on to a timber tract in German Township and with the son-in-law, Adam Effeln, they cleared it. In a short time the mother married Michael Felters, and Conrad lived one year with her when he went to Henry county and worked two years by the month. He then returned to German Township and worked two years for John Zimmerman and he continued working out by the month until he was twenty-one years old, saving his money.

On October 21, 1900, Conrad Reichhardt married Lula Grove, a native of Fulton Township. She is a daughter of Joel and Anna (Sharp) Grove, the father born in Pennsylvania and the mother in England. For a time they rented a farm in Fulton and then bought thirty acres where they lived twelve years. When they sold the place they bought forty acres, and five years later they sold and bought 120 acres in Amboy. It is a well improved place with five acres of timber on it. He later bought eighty acres in Royalton as an investment and sold it again. Mr. Reichhardt has one son, Clarence LeRoy.

Charles M. McLaughlin. Improvement and progress may well be said to form the keynote of the character of Charles M. McLaughlin, a well known merchant of Archbold and one of Fulton county's representative citizens, and he has not only been interested in the work of advancement of individual affairs, but his influence is felt in the upbuilding of the community which has so long been honored by his citizenship. The prosperity which he enjoys is the result of energy rightly applied, and has been won by commendable qualities.

Charles M. McLaughlin is a native son of Fulton county, Ohio, having been born in German Township on the 13th day of May, 1863, and he is the son of Daniel and Eva (Geesey) McLaughlin. Through the paternal line he inherits sterling Scotch blood and characteristics, his grandfather, John McLaughlin, having been a native of the land of hills and heather. Charles M. McLaughlin received his educational training in the common school of German

Township, Fulton county, Ohio and the high school of West Unity, Williams county, Ohio, completing his studies when about eighteen years of age. He then entered the employ of Jacob Vernier in the latters hardware store, a business with which he has been connected ever since, a period of almost forty years. His first engagement was to work for Mr. Vernier as a clerk for one year, but he remained with him for six years. At the end of that time Mr. McLaughlin with two partners, purchased Mr. Vernier's interest in the business and conducted it under the name of Vernier, Dimke & Company, for about four years. At the end of that time, Mr. Dimke withdrew from the firm, which thereafter for five years was known as Vernier & McLaughlin. With the addition some time afterward of George H. Probeck to the firm, the style was changed to Vernier, McLaughlin & Company, and in 1918 the name was finally changed to the Vernier-McLaughlin-Probeck Company, of which Mr McLaughlin is now president. They carry a large and complete stock of shelf and heavy hardware implements and allied lines and occupy a fine concrete and brick store building, 250 by 135 feet in size, one of the conveniences of which is a railroad spur, thus facilitating the unloading and shipping of goods.

In addition to the business referred to, Mr. McLaughlin is a director and vice president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Archbold and is a director of the Archbold Telephone Company, and also owns considerable real estate, including 120 acres of land in Lucas county, Ohio, houses and lots in Toledo and telephone interests in other cities in Ohio. He has exercised sound judgment in all his business deals and is held in high regard among his business associates.

In 1889 Mr. McLaughlin was married to Helen K. Probeck, the daughter of Henry and Margaret Probeck, of Toledo, Ohio. Of this marriage was born one son, Ralph Charles on May 22, 1893. Their child after completing his public school studies entered St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wisconsin, where he was graduated with the highest honors ever won by any student in the history of that school, namely, "Most Worthy Cadet" and "Most Soldierly Cadet." He then entered the law department of the University of of Michigan, where he was graduated and immediately thereafter was admitted to the bar in the states of Michigan and Ohio, being but twenty-one years of age at that time. He then engaged in the real estate business with Moor Brothers of Toledo, Ohio, and was so occupied until April, 1917, when he was called into the service of his country, being made commandant of cadets at St. John's Military Academy, his previous record at that school having influenced his appointment. He had been sent for this purpose by Major Farrand, commandant of the school and Gen. Charles A. King, also officially connected with the school. Captain McLaughlin had charge of the military department of the school and his services were greatly appreciated by those in authority. During the war and up to the hour of his untimely death, he labored incessantly in the interest of the school and of the graduates preparing to enter the training camps. His death which occurred on December 15, 1918, was sincerely mourned by a host of friends, for he was a popular member of the social circles in which he moved. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he had attained to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and was also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Charles M. McLaughlin is an earnest supporter of the republican party and is a member of the Christian Church of Wauseon. He has for many years been deeply interested in everything pertaining to the commercial welfare of the community, and at one time was part owner of the Hotel Vernier and had an interest in the Archbold Grist Mill and Elevator Company for about five years. He has carried great energy and rare judgment into all the affairs in which he has been interested and enjoys an enviable standing in the community.

GEORGE BRATTON is a native of Fulton county and has spent many years as a farmer in the county and is now enjoying a well earned retirement at his home in Swanton.

He was born in Swan Creek Township in April, 1852, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Dull) Bratton. His father was a native of Ireland and his mother of Pennsylvania. George Bratton was educated in the district schools of his home locality and was sixteen years of age when his father died in 1868. After that he lived with his mother, and helped work the home farm.

May 13, 1877, he married Hattie H. Hufftile. She was born in Spencer Township of Lucas county, Ohio, a daughter of Enoch and Sarah (Wicks) Hufftile. After his marriage Mr. Bratton rented farms in the home community ten years and then bought the home in Swanton where he has since lived. His first wife died in 1902, the mother of two children, the older Harry having died in infancy. The son Enoch Alfred, now living with Mr. George Bratton, married Catherine Hatfield, a native of Lucas county, Ohio, and a daughter of Emery and Catherine (Riley) Hatfield.

In 1904 Mr. George Bratton married Sarah (Harris) Palmer, widow of Harry Palmer. By her first union she had three children: James who died at the age of seven years; William, a resident of Ray, Indiana; and Artie, now deceased. Mr. Bratton was again called upon to mourn the loss of his companion when his wife died January 8, 1919. Mr. Bratton is a member of the Methodist Church, is a republican voter, and has been active in Odd Fellowship, being affiliated with Lodge No. 528 at Swanton and has been through the chairs of that lodge and is a member of the encampment at Delta.

HARRY RANDOLPH TREDWAY. There is Michigan and New York ancestry in the Tredway family of which Harry Randolph Tredway of Metamora is a representative. While he was born April 4, 1892, in Metamora, his father, Horace Tredway, is a native of Lenawee county, Michigan, and his mother, Anna (Collins) Tredway, is a native of New York. When they were married they settled in Metamora. While Mr. Tredway had been a farmer he became a merchant and engaged in various lines, but now he lives in Lucas county. Their children are: Frank R., of Lucas county; Hartwin H., of Metamora; Horace Greeley, who died in infancy; Stuart W., of Metamora; Georgia, wife of Denton Crowl, of Metamora; and Harry Randolph, the youngest in the family.

After receiving a common and high school education H. R. Tredway attended Ohio Northern University at Ada. When he was twenty-one years old he became assistant cashier in the Home Savings Bank of Metamora, remaining here until February 1, 1916, when he became cashier of the Lyons Commercial Bank of Lyons. Two years later he became assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Wauseon.

On May 28, 1918, Mr. Tredway enlisted in the Ninth Company, Third Battalion of Depot Brigade, and was stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. On September 1 he was transferred to Camp Hancock, Georgia, to the Machine Gun Officers' Training School, where he had training for an army officer, but along came the Armistice and on December 18 he received his military discharge and returned to his former position at Lyons. The Commercial Bank of Lyons was organized in 1911, with R. C. Rothfuss, president; A. F. Mitchell, vice president; and F. H. Carpenter, cashier. Under the banks present organization H. H. Tredway is president; E. S. Davoll, vice president, and H. R. Tredway is cashier. Miss Louise Meehle is assistant cashier.

On June 11, 1919, Mr. Tredway married Beulah Fetterman. She is a daughter of Jerome and Elizabeth (Foster) Fetterman, of Metamora. The family belong to the Methodist Church. Mr. Tredway votes the republican ticket, and fraternally belongs to the Masons in Lyons, a member of Royalton Union Chapter, Defiance Commandery, the Council of Wauseon, and has served as junior warden of the Blue Lodge.

John Miller, of Fulton Township, was born in Switzerland in 1878, and came with his mother, Mrs. Clara Notzinger who was a widow, to the United States. They came in 1881, and located in German Township, Fulton county. The mother married Leonard Miller and moved to Fulton Township, where John Miller, who assumed her name, grew into manhood and where on August 21, 1915, he married Mary Bejoski. She was a widow with one daughter, Elward. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Edward, born June 15, 1916, and John F., born July 14, 1918, and with Elward, there are three children in the family.

When Mr. Miller first came to Fulton Township he worked on the railroad, saving his earnings and from time to time he bought land until he now owns forty acres. It is well improved and mostly under cultivation. He had limited educational advantages when he was young, and means to make up for it by educating his children as well as it is possible for him to do it. Mr. Miller votes with the republican party.

Frederick Fankhauser. While he is now living practically retired at Archbold, Frederick Fankhauser owns a fine farm in German Township, and for over forty years has been actively identified with the agricultural, business and civic interests of that section of Fulton county.

He was born August 14, 1854, on the homestead farm of his parents, John and Anna (Burkholder) Fankhauser. His parents were natives of Canton Berne, Switzerland, and were prominent among the early Swiss settlers of Fulton county. They came to this country accompanied by four daughters and one son, and located in German Township. They acquired 240 acres, part of which is still owned by Frederick Fankhauser. The family have been noted for their industry and thrift, and their labors brought into productiveness some of the first class land of Fulton county.

On that old homestead Frederick Fankhauser lived for many years. To the age of seventeen he attended school, chiefly in the winter terms, and at other seasons of the year was busy in the fields. For a quarter of a century after his marriage he continued farm-

ing, his place comprising 115 acres. In 1900 he retired from the farm, turning it over to his son J. F. Fankhauser, and his chief interest since has been developing and selling the materials from a gravel pit, used for building and road making purposes.

In 1876, at the age of twenty-two, Mr. Fankhauser married Adelle Leninger, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Kutzli) Leninger, of German Township. They have three children. John F., the oldest, is forty-two years of age, married in 1901 Margaret Rice, of German Township, and they have five living children. Emma is the wife of Emanuel Rupp, of Archbold, and has two children. Clarence B., aged thirty, lives at Archbold and is married and has one child.

Mr. Fankhauser has frequently been honored with places of trust in his community, and is thoroughly deserving of general esteem. He served two terms as township trustee. He is a democratic voter and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Solomon C. Nofzinger has spent practically his entire life within the borders of Fulton county, and his persistent and commendable efforts have benefited alike himself and the community, for he has always had deeply at heart the well-being and improvement of the county, using his influence whenever possible for the promotion of enterprises calculated to be of lasting benefit to the community, besides giving his support to all movements for the advancement of the people along civic, intellectual and moral lines.

Solomon C. Nofzinger, who owns and operates the Nofzinger Auto Company at Archbold, was born on his father's farm near this place in 1871, and is the son of John J. and Annie (Richer) Nofzinger. The father was born in Germany, where he was reared until about fourteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their immigration to the United States. They immediately came to Fulton county, Ohio, and settled on a tract of land near Archbold, where they spent the rest of their days engaged in farming pursuits. There John J. was reared and secured his education in the schools of the neighborhood, and there he has continued to reside, being numbered among the industrious, successful and highly respected citizens of that locality.

Solomon Nofzinger secured an elementary education in the common schools of Henry county, Ohio, and then attended the Horological and Optometrist School at LaPorte, Indiana, where he was graduated and received a diploma. He then returned to Archbold and during the following twenty-five years gave his attention to the jewelry and optical business, in both of which he was very successful and in the latter of which he is still interested, being a partner in the Nofzinger Jewelry Company at Swanton, Fulton county. In 1912, with shrewd foresight into the possibilities of the automobile business, Mr. Nofzinger erected a modern salesroom and garage, and under the name of the Nofzinger Auto Company he is handling Ford cars and Fordson tractors and accessories, besides doing a regular garage service. He has a splendid field and has been splendidly successful in this line, being accounted one of the most enterprising and progressive men in his line in this community. Mr. Nofzinger is also a stockholder and director in the Peoples State Bank of Archbold, and has extensive real estate interests.

In 1897 Mr. Nofzinger was married to Mary L. Lenow, the daughter of William Lenow, and they are the parents of three chil-

dren namely: Irene, who is the wife of Otto Kleupfel, of Archbold, and the mother of one child, Jane; Ruth Anna, and Earl Edwin.

Mr. Nofzinger's chief characteristics seem to be keenness of perception, tireless energy, honesty of purpose and every-day common sense. Successful in business and popular in social life, he enjoys an enviable standing in the community with which his interests are identified.

Elmer Milton Biery, a native of York Township, Fulton county, Ohio, and for the greater part of his life an enterprising and successful farmer, owning an extensive estate in the township, has the distinction of belonging to a family which is placed among the pioneer residents of the township.

The Biery family is of Swiss origin and the American progenitor, Nicholas Biery, was the pioneer resident in York Township. He, Nicholas Biery, grandfather of Elmer M., was born in Switzerland, and immigrated when a young man. He settled in Pennsylvania, and there married Mary Hummel, who was born in Pennsylvania. Soon afterwards they came into Ohio, and to York Township, Fulton county at a time when the surrounding country was practically wilderness. Nicholas Biery and his wife lived in York Township for the remainder of their lives, their farm which eventually was cleared being in section 4. There their son Christian, father of Elmer M., was born. As a boy Christian Biery attended the local school, and when he had grown to manhood married Lottie Schlegle, daughter of Gottlieb and Mary (Bailey) Schlegle, also pioneer residents of York Township. The former was born near Berlin, Germany, and his wife, Mary Bailey, in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents of Elmer M. Biery were also buried in York Township. Christian Biery soon after he had married Lottie Schlegle settled on a ten-acre tract in York Township, and there lived for two years, when he sold the place, and soon afterwards acquired the extensive Meirs farm, a partly improved property of 160 acres. There he lived for many years, and had much success by his farming. He considerably improved the property, and all the buildings now on the farm were built by him, with the exception of a straw barn, which is still standing and had been built by the original owner. He bought another eighty acres, which he tilled for a while, but eventually traded for forty acres on the border line of Fulton and Henry counties. On his properties he built, altogether four residences, and his energetic useful life ended on December 7, 1909, he being then in his sixty-fourth year. His widow still resides in the old homestead, and has many friends of long standing among the older residents of York Township. The children of Christian and Lottie (Schlegle) Biery were: Elmer Milton, of whom more is written hereinafter; Ella, who married William A. Biddle, of York Township; Sophrona May, who married Harley J. Miller of York Township.

Elmer Milton Biery, oldest child of Christian and Lottie (Schlegle) Biery, was born in the family homestead, section 4 of York Township, Fulton county, on March 8, 1872. He attended the district schools, and eventually took to farming occupations on the home property. He married in 1893, but remained with his wife on the parental farm until March of the following year, when he moved to another house, still however helping his father in the management of the latter's extensive acreage. Thus employed, another seven years passed, at the end of which time Elmer M. Biery pur-

chased the farm he still owns in York Township, a property of 200 acres, 140 acres of which he has brought into cultivation, the remaining sixty acres being pasture and timber land. He lived an energetic life, and showed much enterprise, gaining substantial success in the raising of Belgian horses, Holstein cattle and Jersey hogs. For many years he conducted a large dairy, but now being desirous of taking life less strenuously, and being possessed of more than sufficient material wealth for his personal needs, especially since the death of his wife, he will probably move from the farm into Delta. During his years of substantial production in York Township, he found time to enter interestedly into local affairs, and showed a commendable spirit of helpfulness in public responsibilities, supporting local movements generously. He is a democrat in national politics, but he has not followed national politics with the interest he has evinced in local affairs; and he has never sought public office, although had he so wished he might have been elected to more than one of the offices in the local administration. He is a consistent Christian, by conviction a Lutheran, and has been a stalwart supporter of the local church of that denomination. He has entered personally into church work, and since 1913 has been treasurer of his church. He also is a member of the Ohio State order of Gleaners. On September 17, 1893, Elmer Milton Biery married Della May, daughter of John and Rachel (Powell) Lake. Mrs. Biery was born in Henry county, Ohio, and died in York Township, Fulton county, on August 30, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Biery were the parents of seven children. In order of birth the children were: Fleda Ellen, who married Homer Sworden, and died in February, 1916; Gertrude Lavern; Fred Arthur; Ira Carlton; Jay Christian; Wilma Irene; Gordon Roy, who, however, died in infancy.

Charles P. Grisier. It seems a well established principle that any person can make a modest success who works faithfully and sticks at one business or trade or occupation long enough. It is a far different and complicated problem for a man to be successful in diverse and manifold affairs. Hardly any man in Fulton county has more really important interests under his immediate supervision than Charles P. Grisier, banker, insurance man, dairy farmer, and all around good citizen of Wauseon.

He was born at Fayette in Fulton county in April, 1868, and is of French ancestry, a son of James and Catherine (Miller) Grisier. Frederick Grisier, came from France and settled at Archbold, Ohio, where he became a farmer. James Grisier grew up on a farm and still lives on a 120-acre place ½ mile south of Fayette.

Charles P. Grisier grew up on the farm, attended country schools and took a business course in the Fayette Normal College. For two years he clerked in a general store at Fayette and for one year bought produce, driving a wagon through the country, an experience that gave him much knowledge of men and was altogether valuable. Since 1890 he has been with his father in the fire insurance business. His father has conducted a fire insurance agency at Fayette for many years. The father and son are still associated, the former being now eighty-three years of age. In January, 1891, Charles Grisier opened the Wauseon office, handling both fire and life insurance. His principal business is representative of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, and he has all of Fulton county as his territory.

He is a man of special achievement in the field of banking. In 1906 he organized the Farmers State Savings Bank at Delta, and is its president. This institution has a capital and surplus of $50,000 and resources of $500,000. In 1911 he duplicated his success with the Delta Bank in the organization of the Farmers State Bank of Fayette, of which he is also president. Its capital and surplus is $45,000 and it has resources aggregating $500,000. In 1917 Mr. Grisier organized the Farmers State Bank of McClure, of which T. U. McClure is president and Mr. Grisier, a director. He is also a director of the Peoples State Bank at Wauseon.

With all these interests Mr. Grisier finds time to give his personal supervision to a fine dairy farm of 220 acres two miles east of Wauseon, handling a herd of pure blooded Holsteins.

In 1893 he married Alice Charpiot, daughter of Peter and Louise Catherine Charpiot of Stryker, Ohio. They have five children: Donald Kenneth, born in 1902; Charles Leon, born in 1904 and died at the age of six months; Louise Catherine, Catherine Louise and Alice Leah, being the three younger children. Mr. Grisier is a republican in politics.

Charles Henry Nicholas Heffron, M. D. Through a quarter of a century Doctor Heffron was busy with his engagements and responsibilities as a physician and surgeon at Metamora, and when he removed from that locality to Adrian, Michigan, he left his practice in the capable hands of his son so that Fulton county still has Heffron as one of its most honored names in the medical profession.

Doctor Heffron was born in Royalton Township of Fulton county in 1871. His father Henry Heffron was born in County Carlow, Ireland, and was brought by his parents to the United States at the age of seven. The mother of Doctor Heffron was Mary Rynd, also a native of Ireland, and came to the United States with her parents at the age of fifteen. They were married in Lenawee county, Michigan, in 1868, and were the parents of four children: Jessie May, Anna, Minnie and Charles Henry Nicholas.

Charles Henry Nicholas Heffron grew up on a farm in Royalton township, attended country schools there, took his high school work at Adrian, Michigan, and was graduated in medicine in the medical department of Wooster University at Cleveland in 1893. Since then he has taken post graduate work at the University of Michigan and the New York Post Graduate School, and in 1894 began his career as a practicing physician at Metamora. He remained there meeting all the demands of a heavy town and country practice until 1919, when he turned his work over to his son Dr. Harold Heffron and is now well established in practice at Adrian, Michigan. During the World War he served as a member of the Fulton County Draft Board. Doctor Heffron has always voted as a republican and fraternally is affiliated with Royalton Union Lodge Free and Accepted Masons at Lyons, Lyons Chapter No. 175 Royal Arch Masons, Wauseon Council No. 68 Royal and Selected Masters, and Adrian Commandry No. 4 Knights Templar, and also Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 875, Metamora, Ohio.

Doctor Heffron married Gertrude Cagwin, daughter of Hamden and Delight Cagwin of Rome, New York. They are the parents of two sons, Harold and Howard Heffron, both of whom have chosen their father's vocation. As already noted Harold is now practicing at Metamora, while Howard is a medical student in the University of Michigan.

R. A. DEVENPORT. This representative and honored citizen of Archbold, Fulton county, has been distinctly the architect of his own fortunes, has been true and loyal in all the relations of life and stands as a type of that sterling manhood which ever commands respect and honor. He is a man who would have won his way in any locality where fate might have placed him, for he has sound judgment, coupled with great energy and business tact, together with upright principles, all of which invariably make for success, and because of which he has won and retained a host of friends.

R. A. Devenport, proprietor of the Archbold Salesroom and Garage, at Archbold, Fulton county, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, on January 9, 1866, and is the son of Ezra and Sarah A. (Giles) Devenport. Through his progenitors he inherits English and Irish blood, though the family has lived in America through several generations. The subject received his educational training in the schools of Putnam county, Ohio, but at the age of fourteen years he went to work, receiving for a man's work only four dollars a month. He made splendid progress in his studies and had successfully passed an examination for teacher, but was not permitted to teach on account of his youth. He was employed at farm labor on two different farms until he attained his majority, at which time he was married. He then engaged in farming a forty-acre tract, remaining there for twelve years, at the end of which time he engaged in the manufacture of tile at Townwood. Twelve years later he sold the tile factory and bought forty acres of land near Townwood, where he resided for two years. Selling out, he then went to Michigan, locating in Calhoun county, where for a year he was engaged in the cultivation of 160 acres of rented land. He then bought 120 acres of land in Hillsdale county, Michigan, which he successfully operated for five years, and in connection with which he also kept a store until 1915, when he moved onto 160 acres of land which he had bought near Seward, Ohio. At the end of a year he sold that tract and for about three years he lived at Metamora, Ohio.

On April 15, 1919, Mr. Devenport came to Archbold, Ohio, and engaged in his present business, under the name of the Archbold Salesroom and Garage, having obtained the Fulton county agency for the Scripps-Booth cars. He also handles a full line of automobile accessories and oils, and enjoys a large and increasing patronage. He has made many changes in location and business since attaining manhood, but has been successful and has exercised good judgment in all his ventures. In addition to his automobile business, he owns some real estate, including the 120-acre farm in Michigan.

In 1887 Mr. Devenport was married to Lois L. Lope, the daughter of William and Mary E. (Lymangrover) Lope, of Shawton, Ohio, and to them have been born three children, namely: William A., of Archbold, who is married and has one child, Richard; Delmar, and Flossie A., who is principal of the Metamora high school.

Mr. Devenport has given his lifelong support to the democratic party and has at various times taken an active part in local and public affairs. While living in Putnam county, Ohio, he served as trustee of Van Buren Township for seven years, or until he moved from that locality, and he served as postmaster of Shawton, Ohio, under the administration of President Cleveland, a period of four years. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The qualities of persevering industry, keen discrimination, and sound judgment have entered very largely into his

makeup and have been contributing elements to the material success which has come to him. Because of his success and his sterling qualities of character he is deservedly popular throughout this community.

CHARLES M. DALRYMPLE, director department manager, and one of the principal stockholders of the well-known Wauseon firm of Brigham, Guilford and Company, department store owners, has had a worth-while career in commercial life, and has been actively in business in Wauseon since 1906. He is a man of pleasing personality, gentlemanly and courteous, and has made many good friends since he has lived in Wauseon. He has shown an increasing interest in the advancement of the city, and has been ready to further any worthy public project that had bearing upon the community.

He is the son of Charles W. and Anna (George) Dalrymple and was born in Maysville, Missouri, September 20, 1870. In 1890 his parents removed to Greenville, Darke county, Ohio. The Dalrymple family is one of the oldest of the titled Scottish houses and appears notably in Scottish history, and the Ohio family evidently is of the Scottish house, for the progenitor of the American branch to which Charles M. Dalrymple, of Wauseon, belongs, came from Scotland and settled in Knox county, Ohio, there taking land and pursuing agriculture. Charles M. received the whole of his education in Greenville, Darke county, attending the public schools of that place until he was sixteen years old. Then he entered the employ of A. A. Bunger, a grocer of that place, and for him he worked for eight years, for two of which he was delivery man, and finally salesman. He must have been a man of good business ability, for he was offered, and accepted, the management of the Mozart Department Store, at Greenville. He remained in that store, as manager, for twelve years, during which the volume of business transacted was such as to need the services of thirty sales people; and the trading covered the full range of groceries, hardware and house furnishings. It will therefore be recognized that when Mr. Dalrymple came to Wauseon in 1906 to take up a similar business connection in that place he came with good credentials as to the business experience. He became the manager of the grocery department of the Wauseon department store owned by W. L. Milner and conducted under the trading name of C. E. Rossman and Company and was thus brought into association with Mr. Frank Guilford, who was accountant for the company. In 1909, both left the employ of Mr. Milner so that they might organize a company and enter independently into a department store business in Wauseon. Mr. Dalrymple in association with Messrs. Guilford, Scott and Brigham, all of Wauseon incorporated the Brigham, Guilford and Company firm, the capital of which was $60,000, and they took over the Rossman Company establishment. Of the company Mr. Dalrymple became vice president and eventually secretary, which executive office he now holds, as well as the responsibility of manager of the grocery and house furnishings departments. The business has been very well conducted and the partners have had notable success.

In many ways Mr. Dalrymple has shown himself to be an efficient man of affairs, and of unselfish public spirit. He is one of the aggressive business men of the place, and is doing his best to aid in the progress and prosperity of the city. Politically he is a republican, and although he has taken close interest in political movements, he has not evinced a desire for political office. He is

first and foremost a business man, a man of material and moral integrity, in whom people have confidence. Religiously he is a Baptist, a member of the local church, and a liberal supporter of church work.

He married, in 1905, Myrtle G., daughter of Calvin and Lottie (Warvel) Garver, of Greenville, Ohio. They have one child, Charlene.

Dorr Santee Knight, one of the advisory editors of the History of Fulton County, whose services are at this point specially acknowledged, has spent all his life in the county, is well known as a former county treasurer, and also as a business man and banker.

Mr. Knight, whose home is at Wauseon, was born in Royalton township February 1, 1874. His father, George Tyler Knight, was born in Vermont, January 22, 1833, and for many years was an active farmer of Fulton county. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother, Almira Matilda Santee, was born September 22, 1840.

Dorr Santee Knight grew up on a farm, attended the district schools and also the normal schools of Fayette and Wauseon. In early youth he took up the vocation of a tiller of the soil, and followed that occupation on the old homestead in Royalton township to the age of thirty-seven. In the meantime he became well known over the county, and entered politics as a candidate for the office of county treasurer, was elected, and discharged the duties of office until September, 1915, in the meantime removing to Wauseon.

In the spring of 1915 Mr. Knight formed a partnership with C. J. Ives and purchased the furniture store of E. L. Burgoon. Later he sold his interest, for about two years was engaged in the coal business, and during the period of the World War was cashier of the Lyons Commercial Bank. Since leaving this bank he has resumed his residence in Wauseon. Mr. Knight has always been an active supporter and a leader in the republican party in Fulton county, is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Eastern Star.

June 18, 1895, in Richfield Township, Lucas county, he married Miss Etta Sanderson, a daughter of M. P. and Sarah Sanderson. She was educated in the public schools of Lucas county and in the Wauseon Normal. After the death of his first wife Mr. Knight married Florence Mary Meeker at Lyons on October 18, 1899. She is the daughter of Walter S. and Rebecca L. Meeker. Mr. Knight has two children, Alice, born May 23, 1896, in Royalton Township; and George Myron, born September 16, 1897. The son is now a student in the Ohio State University at Columbus. The daughter, Alice, is a graduate of the Wauseon High School, spent three years in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and is now the wife of Ralph A. Howard, a Pike Township farmer.

Mary Agnes Howard McClarren, of Winameg, one of the associates and advisory editors of the History of Fulton County, belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families in northwestern Ohio. Her father was the late Dresden Howard, who was descended from Thomas Howard of Scotch and English ancestry. He had an ordinary education in the schools of his time, was a farmer in Yates county, New York, and during the war for independence served with the American colonists. Late in life, in 1821, he came to the Maumee Valley of Ohio with his five sons, and died

in 1825. Thomas Howard married Elizabeth Armstrong, who was of Irish descent. She was born January 16, 1761, and was married in Mifflin, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1783. She died at Benton, Yates county, New York, September 17, 1810.

One of their five sons was Edward Howard, who was born in Yates county, New York, November 10, 1787. In Yates county on December 31, 1816, he married Nancy Height, of Scotch-Irish stock. Edward Howard served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and grew up with only the ordinary education of his generation. He accompanied other members of the Howard family to northwestern Ohio in 1821 and settled at Grand Rapids in Wood county. He developed some land, was a practical farmer, and for many years as a hotel keeper had the only house of public entertainment between Toledo and Fort Wayne. He died in February, 1841.

The late Dresden Winfield Huston Howard, son of Edward and Nancy (Haight) Howard and father of Mrs. McClarren, was born in Yates county, New York, November 3, 1817, and was three years of age when brought to northern Ohio, where for years he figured conspicuously in the development of that section from wilderness conditions. He knew the country when its principal inhabitants were Indians. He became adept in all the variations of a frontier existence, skilled in woodcraft, and inured to hardships and dangers. Many of the interesting incidents of his career are to be found in Howe's History of Ohio in Vol. I. He grew up with his father on the farm, and in boyhood the Indians were his associates and playmates. He had a great influence with the red men, and one of the first important missions he ever filled was in 1833, when at the age of sixteen he was appointed to assist the government forces in removing the Indians from northwestern Ohio. Subsequently he spent a number of years on the Upper Missouri River in the service of the government at Indian posts. On the death of his father in 1841 he returned to Ohio and the following year, December 2, 1842, at Monroe, Michigan, he married Mary Blackwood Copeland, a woman of strong character and unusual intelligence, of Scotch-Irish descent, who had all the courage and bravery required of the pioneer women of those days. She was born in Seneca county, New York, May 4, 1824, being the second daughter of William Copeland and Hannah Sterrett. In 1852 Dresden Howard and wife moved out to Allamakee county, Iowa, where as pioneers they established a new home. The inheritance in Ohio brought them back in 1852 and Dresden Howard was engaged in farming and wool growing and subsequently for many years filled a position of influence and leadership in his community. He held many offices and trusts and gave his assistance to numerous enterprises of a business nature. During the Civil War he was appointed by Governor Dennison a member of the State Military Board, and was retained on that Board through the administrations of Governors Tod and Brough. He was one of the original republicans and long prominent in the party. He was elector from the Tenth Ohio District in 1860, and in that capacity helped choose Lincoln for the first term. Four years later he was a delegate at the Baltimore Convention which nominate Lincoln for a second term. 1878 he was elected a member of the State Board of Equalization and in the fall of 1871 was chosen to the State Senate, where he represented his constituents with a high degree of usefulness. He was president of the Toledo and Grand Rapids Railroad, an ambitious railway project which he hoped to

see built into the capital of Mexico. Altogether the late Dresden Howard was a man of strong character, broad-minded and benevolent toward all men. He sleeps with his beloved wife by his side beneath the great trees his hands planted. The rustling of the leaves, the song of the birds he loved are his requiem.

Dresden Howard and wife had two children. The son, Oseola E. M., is now a resident of San Diego, California. The only daughter is Mary Agnes.

Mary Agnes Howard was born February 17, 1861, graduated from the County High School, and has given her best years to the duties and responsibilities of a farmer's wife. She and her husband live on the beautiful inherited Howard farm in Fulton county at Winameg. She was married in Winameg, April 27, 1893, to William Byron McClarren, second son of William and Rebecca Alwood McClarren, pioneers of Fulton county. Mrs. McClarren is a member of the Congregational Church, belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and in politics is a republican and through the privilege of woman's suffrage will give her vote to Warren G. Harding in November, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. McClarren are the parents of five children: Dresden William Howard, the oldest, was born May 5, 1895, graduated from high school, is a farmer by occupation, and was a soldier in the World War. December 25, 1919, he married Norma Whiteman. The second in the family, Mary Rebecca, was born May 7, 1897, after leaving high school finished her education in Wooster College, Ohio, and on December 5, 1917, became the wife of William F. Bruce, an agricultural teacher at Columbus. Robert Lowell McClarren, born February 7, 1899, graduated from high school, attended the Ohio State University, and was a member of the Students Army Training Corps, though much to his disappointment was never privileged to go to the front. Richard Monroe, the third son, was born December 3, 1900, and is now a student in the Ohio State University. Bruce Kenneth, the youngest, was born September 30, 1904, and is a pupil in the Wauseon High School. All the children were born on the old homestead at Winameg.

William O'Neil. The name O'Neil at once suggests Ireland. While William O'Neil of Amboy was born May 11, 1872, in Royalton, his parents, Thomas and Mary (Brady) O'Neil, were Irish emigrants, although they met and were married in Buffalo. Later they located on a farm in Royalton. She died there August 11, 1896, while he died in November, seven years later. Their children are: James, of Metamora; John, deceased; Thomas and Michael, of Amboy; Martin, of Royalton; William, who relates the family story; and Maggie and Ella, who died in infancy.

On February 9, 1893, William O'Neil was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Catherine Mossing. She was born November 20, 1873, in Germany. She is a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Gillan) Mossing, who emigrated to the United States when she was a babe and they located on a farm in Amboy. After their marriage William O'Neil purchased land in Royalton, but in April, 1903, he sold it and bought a farm in Amboy. He has 120 acres of well improved land, although part of it was in the brush when he bought it.

Mr. O'Neil built a house and added other improvements from time to time. He tiled and fenced the land and it is now practically

all under cultivation. He is the man to make two blades of grass grow where there was one. He is a democrat and a member of the Catholic Church in Caraghar, Ohio. The children are: Martin, of Royalton; John, of Royalton; Edward, Lawrence and Anna, at home.

GEORGE REIGHARD, father of Mr. Frank Reighard, supervising editor of the Fulton County History, is a native son of Fulton county, born here nearly seventy-five years ago, and is still doing a day's work in season on his farm in Swan Creek Township.

He was born November 24, 1846, in York Township, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Crile) Reighard. His parents were Pennsylvanians and pioneer settlers of Fulton county.

George Reighard attended the district schools and made good use of such advantages of learning as were available to a boy in Fulton county sixty years ago. He married when he was about twenty years of age and thereafter lived for some years with his parents. The first land he owned was forty acres, fifteen acres cleared and improved. Eventually he bought other land until his old homestead, known as the Maple Drive Farm, contains ninety-six acres, all under cultivation. Mr. George Reighard lived there until the spring of 1909, when he turned the farm over to his daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Dunbar, and then moved to an adjoining place of twenty-five acres where he and his wife enjoy the comforts of a good home and the friendship and neighbors of their old community.

April 9, 1866, Mr. Reighard married Elizabeth Elton, who was born in England, September 1, 1848. Her parents, Thomas and Jane (Young) Elton, came to this country in 1857, and for seven years lived on a farm in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and then moved to Swan Creek Township in Fulton county. Her father first bought forty acres and later another forty acres, and died on the home farm in 1889. Mr. Reighard's mother died in 1862. The oldest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Reighard is Frank Reighard, of Wauseon. Adelbert, who died in the fall of 1909, left a wife and one daughter, Grace, of Delta. Sophia is Mrs. Delmore Gill of Swan Creek Township and has two daughters, Gertrude and Georgia. Royal, of Swan Creek Township, married Sophia de LaMar, and their family consists of Alfred and Orlyss. Bert, a resident of Swan Creek, married Maud Gill, and has three children, Clairmond, Mary and Marguerite. Florence is the wife of Roscoe Dunbar, now living on the old Reighard homestead, and their children are Adelbert, Dale, Glenn and Amy.

George Reighard is a member of the Church to Come and Church of Abrahamic Faith. He is now health officer in his township and in former years held positions of trustee and school director. He is a republican voter. He has lived his whole life within a mile and a half of his birthplace.

FRANK H. REIGHARD, editor of the Wauseon "Republican," and of this historical work, was born near Delta, in Swan Creek Township, October 8, 1867.

In his youth, he attended the country schools of Swan Creek Township, and when sixteen years old entered the Fayette Normal University, at Fayette, Gorham Township. He was only seventeen years old when he entered professional life, in 1885, becoming a

teacher in one of the district schools of Swan Creek. The next ten years were busy ones for him, but, withal, happily passed. Notwithstanding that that decade of his life was probably the most strenuous, in mental strain, and contained little of what are generally looked upon as the pleasures of life, Mr. Reighard looks back upon that period as among his happiest. The years were filled with accomplishment; were passed in the development of a definite purpose, pursued to consummation. When, at seventeen, he began to teach, he had resolved to properly fit himself for his profession by taking a college course, and had resolved to do so upon his own resources. He could count upon only one financial resource—his slender earnings as a school teacher; but the fact that he graduated seven years later, from the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio, and, later, spent two years at the University of Wooster, Ohio, gives some indication of his strength of purpose. His plan, indeed his necessity, during these years was to keep "digging in" at teaching (and incidentally when at home, to give his father what help he could in the working of the home farm), and with the proceeds of his term of teaching cover the cost of a period at college. When funds were exhausted, he would return home; would resume teaching again for a while; and then, with replenished exchequer, would again take up the college course. So, the years passed, something being accomplished each year. Mr. Reighard feels that to his good right-thinking and simple-living mother he owes his ability to pursue the right purpose through, despite discouragements and temptations, to the end he and she had planned. Her love and care, in moulding his thoughts through the period when a boy is most susceptible to good or evil, developed in him the strength he needed to successfully adhere to the, at times uninviting, purpose during the ten years from 1885. The possession of a good mother is the greatest blessing a spirited boy could have.

In 1894, Mr. Reighard married Florence M. Tischer, of Wauseon. Two children have been born to them: Helen, in 1898, she, however, dying in infancy; and Frank, Jr., who was born in 1907.

Mrs. Reighard was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1867. She came to Wauseon in 1876, with her parents, William and Helen (Holb) Tischer, who were quiet, careful, hard-working people, of German antecedents, and at their decease, Mrs. Reighard inherited some property they had acquired in Wauseon during their residence in it. Mrs. Reighard received the greater part of her education in Wauseon schools, eventually graduating from the High School. She takes good part in many of the public activities of Wauseon, and belongs to several women's organizations, including the Eastern Star, of the Masonic Order, and the Women's and Shakespeare Clubs, of Wauseon. She is also secretary of the Women's Republican Association of Wauseon.

In 1895 Mr. Reighard was prevailed upon to stand for election to county office. He became county surveyor in that year, and was re-elected, serving until August, 1902. On January 1, 1903, he entered the newspaper field, becoming editor and publisher of the Fulton County "Tribune." His service to the people of the county, in this capacity, brought him election to the State Legislature, in 1912. He was State Representative for Fulton county for three successive terms, which by the way is noteworthy, for no other Fulton county man has had three successive terms, as representative.

His legislative record, also, has creditable place in state annals. Especially as chairman of the House Finance Committee, were his services of value to the state. In addition, while a legislator, he was a member of the State Emergency and Controlling Boards, in 1915 and 1917; and in the later year was selected as Republican Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, a clear indication of his standing and popularity among his fellow legislators.

In 1917 he purchased the Wauseon "Republican," to the building up of which he has since applied himself, with marked success. As a circulation builder he seems particularly gifted, that result coming mainly from his instinctive, almost sub-conscious, realization that the newspaper belongs to the people, and that it is his duty to convey to the people all the news that assiduous attention to its gathering and preparation will enable him to provide. His writings have also carried the impression that he is sincerely one of the people, and that he has, in particular, a lasting respect for all those of the early residents who have had part in the pioneer work within Fulton county.

During the World War, the pages of his newspaper were ever at the disposal of all workers in the great national effort; he endeavored to do justly by the boys who went away, and, in their absence, to further all helpful war purposes; he gave much of his time to executive work in connection with the various war activities; was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Campaign Fund, in 1918; was member of the county executive of the Liberty Loan Committee; and member of the executive committees of the County War Chest and Red Cross bodies.

He is affiliated with several fraternal orders, including the Masonic, York and Scottish rites, the Knights of Pythias, and Oddfellows. Mr. Reighard has a host of friends, which possession testifies to his general character. Friendship is short-lived if it is not reciprocal; a selfish man, even though brilliant, will be able to count few his genuine friends.

The writer has not known Mr. Reighard long, but believes he has rightly read his character. In any case, Mr. Reighard's public record is, in itself, ample to indicate that he has served his home county well. No laudatory remarks are necessary. As before stated, his happiest recollection is of his ten years as teacher; he is gratified to realize how successful in life many Fulton county men, who once were his pupils, have been. And he hopes, as the years pass, to be able to look back upon this present county labor of his—the editing of this historical work—as not the least worthy of his efforts for the people of the county. He has given close attention and care to the editing, and knows that he is placing into permanent county record, in a medium readily accessible to the people, much valuable and hitherto unrecorded data of historical import to the present generation, and to the posterity of Fulton county.

Jacob Bechstein. Having spent all of his mature years in general farming and stock raising industries, Jacob Bechstein of Swan Creek Township is an authority on agricultural matters. He was born in his present township in October, 1872, a son of Jacob and Anna (Goodloch) Bechstein, natives of Germany, who came at different times, to the United States and located in Erie county, Ohio, where they became acquainted and were married. In 1856 they came to Fulton county and bought eighty acres of unimproved

timberland in Swan Creek Township, which they developed into a valuable farm, and also became the owners of another eighty-acre farm. Their children were as follows: Henry, who is a farmer of Swan Creek Township; Ida, who is Mrs. John Reiber of Wood county, Ohio; Mary, who is Mrs. John Evans of Swan Creek Township; John, who is a resident of Delta, Ohio; Anna, who is Mrs. Henry Wenig of Wood county, Ohio; Lucy, who is Mrs. Edward Smith of Wood county, Ohio; Jacob, whose name heads this review; and Altha, who is Mrs. Martin Andrews of Swan Creek Township.

Growing up in his native township, Jacob Bechstein learned to be a practical farmer while he was attending the district schools and in them securing a knowledge of the fundamentals of an education. In October, 1897, he was married to Clara Havens, born in Pike Township, a daughter of George and Amelia (Steadman) Havens, natives of New York and Amboy Township, Fulton county. Her grandparents, Alva and Thankful (Rogers) Steadman, were early settlers of Amboy Township. For thirteen years after his marriage Mr. Bechstein conducted his father's farm, and then bought 110 acres of section 5, Swan Creek Township, of which sixty acres are under cultivation, the balance being in pasture and woodland. Here he is carrying on a general farming and stockraising business and is making a success of his undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Bechstein have had the following children born to them: Marion J., who is a resident of Fulton county; and Henry, George Herbert, Earl V., Gertrude Margaret and Neola Fern, all of whom are at home. In politics Mr. Bechstein is a strong democrat. He is an attendant on the services of the Christian Union church of his neighborhood, but is not a member of any religious body. A hard working man, he has steadily advanced through his own efforts and deserves his present measure of prosperity.

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